

Stop the Attacks Upon the Strikers

AN EDITORIAL

FULL responsibility for the strikes now in progress at Bethlehem Steel, International Harvester and Allis-Chalmers rests squarely with the employers and the government.

The Bethlehem strike was provoked when the company union, previously ordered dissolved by the NLRB, attempted to hold an election in the plant.

The Harvester strike continues only because of the stubborn refusal to negotiate on the part of the company which has turned down every method of settlement proposed by the union.

In the Allis-Chalmers situation, the workers were locked out after they agreed to accept a formula proposed by the OPM (even though it was not a good one for the workers) and the proposal was rejected by the company. Now the Administration, through Director Knudsen and Secretary Knox, attacks the strikers and, in the guise of a threat to "seize" the plant, is attempting to introduce forced labor under military edict.

And, to complete the picture, we now see company, city and state police and the federal authorities trying to crush with unbridled terror and provocations the efforts of the workers to defend themselves.

WHY have these strikes been provoked at this time? Why is there such a concentration of force to defeat the workers? The answer is to be found not only in the importance of these three struggles themselves, but also in several major issues lying in the background. It is not accidental that the present events occur just when negotiations are going on in the mining, steel and electrical industries and when the great campaign to organize Ford is marching forward.

The employers plainly hope that by delivering a blow to the Bethlehem, Harvester and Allis-Chalmers workers they will be able to weaken the negotiations now in progress in the major industries, halt the nation-wide efforts of the workers to defend their standards imperiled by the rising cost of living, and stop the drive to organize the unorganized exemplified by the splendid progress at Ford.

If ever a group of workers stood in the front line trenches not only for themselves but for the entire labor movement, it is the strikers at Bethlehem, International Harvester and Allis-Chalmers.

The militancy and determination displayed by these strikers alone merit the support of all labor. But when it is also realized that they are fighting the cause of unionism everywhere, the duty of the entire labor movement to speak out quickly and vigorously in their behalf, becomes even more urgent.

PHILIP MURRAY has challenged the authority by which Knudsen and Knox issued their ultimatum to the Allis-Chalmers strikers and has asked why they "do not insist upon compliance (by the company) with your original (OPM) proposal?" Murray's statement is an indication both of the general alarm labor feels at the attacks being launched upon it and a recognition of the importance of these present struggles for the entire labor movement.

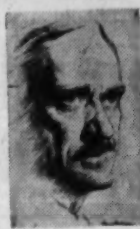
Certainly, support from the entire CIO, of the kind that made possible the victory of the New York transport workers, could play an even more decisive part in the present struggles. Such support would not only help the Bethlehem, Harvester and Allis-Chalmers workers to win, but would also strengthen the hands of the union representatives in the coal, mine and electrical negotiations.

THE outcome of these three strikes concerns the AFL workers just as much as it does the CIO. AFL workers in many parts of the country have already demonstrated their solidarity and active support for the strikers. But the fact that the employers are using the AFL leadership to divide the workers and confuse the public, places an added responsibility upon the workers of the AFL to insist that their leaders, instead of attempting to knife the strikers, give them full support.

The workers of Bethlehem, International Harvester and Allis-Chalmers are fighting not only the cause of labor, but of all progress. The general public, too, therefore, has a duty to join with labor in rallying to the side of these embattled workers.

From one end of the country to the other, voices should be raised demanding an end to the police terror and to the government intervention on the side of the employers; for maintenance of the right to strike and against the Knudsen-Knox forced-labor order.

ALL SUPPORT TO THE STRIKERS!



BROWDER SAYS---

"THE economic royalists and their servants are riding high, and gleefully congratulate themselves that the masses have

been hog-tied, that nothing can now spoil their plans for a great imperialist speculation with the blood and lives of the American people. But the fight is only begun. Notwithstanding all difficulties and hardships, the American people

cannot forever be tricked, bulldozed and suppressed. They are fighting back with increasing numbers, energy, intelligence and determination. And the final victory will belong to the people."—The Way Out, by Earl Browder: Pages 92-93

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Local—Mostly cloudy Friday, not much change in temperature; Saturday much colder and probably fair; moderate northwest to west winds.
Eastern New York—Mostly cloudy with light snow and colder; much colder Saturday.

Yugoslavs Jail Signers Of Axis Pact, Regent Flees

New Military Cabinet Is Set Up After Old One Is Ousted

BELGRADE, March 27 (UP).—Throgs shouting "down with Hitler and the Axis!" surged through Belgrade tonight after a bloodless army revolt which overthrew and imprisoned members of the government who two days ago signed Yugoslavia's adherence to the Axis alliance.

The new military regime, pledged to uphold Yugoslavia's "dignity and sovereignty," speeded up mobilization to bring at least 1,500,000 men under arms in defense of the nation's frontiers.

Almost every member of the old government which capitulated to Hitler's demands by means of a "compromise formula" sealed at Vienna Tuesday was seized and imprisoned.

Heading the quickly established new government which assumed power as steel-helmeted troops with tanks and machine guns patrolled the capital is a veteran army leader, General Richard Dusan-Simovitch, Premier.

The government assured the alarmed German and Italian Ministers that it wants to "maintain friendly relations" with the Axis.

Premier Gen. Dusan-Simovitch summoned his new Cabinet into its first meeting at 1 P. M., but there was no official hint as to what would be done about the pact with the Axis, which still needs ratification by the Yugoslav Parliament to be effective.

U. S. STATE DEPT. "OFFERS AID"

WASHINGTON, March 27 (UP).—The United States today threw its moral support behind the new Yugoslav government and promised the newly constituted regime of young King Peter II material aid under the lend-lease act in any fight it wishes to wage against aggression.

The sensational action, disclosed by Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles, was by far the most open and significant step taken by the United States in the explosive Balkan situation.

The United States pledge of aid imposed a new strain on American-German diplomatic relations which are steadily deteriorating and there have been persistent rumors that a break is imminent.

BERLIN DEMANDS STATEMENT ON AXIS

BERLIN, Jan. 27 (UP).—Germany has demanded that the new Yugoslav military regime make clear "without delay" whether it intends to support the Axis powers and the previous government's adherence Tuesday to the tri-power alliance, it was stated reliably tonight.

The German demand presumably was made when the German Minister to Belgrade, Viktor Von Heeren, called during the day on the new Yugoslav Premier, General Richard Dusan-Simovitch.

Germany expects an answer by noon Friday to its demand, it was said, but it was not indicated whether a time limit had been placed on the message for clarification of the new Belgrade regime's position.

Informed Nazi quarters said they were "confident" that the Dusan-Simovitch government would answer in favor of the Axis because the Yugoslav putsch "appears to have been due primarily to internal political considerations."

CROWDS CHEER— "DOWN WITH TRAITORS"

BUDAPEST, March 27 (UP).—Imprisonment of the government leaders who delivered Yugoslavia into the hands of the Axis was reported tonight from Belgrade where a swift and bloodless army revolt placed in power an anti-German regime, headed by boy King Peter II.

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OPEN BETHLEHEM STRIKE TALKS, WALKOUT LOOMS AT JOHNSTOWN

Browder Chained and Masked by Guards on Way to Prison

Workers Cheer As Word Comes That Company Will Meet Union

STRIKERS ARE FIRM

Johnstown Steel Men Prepare to Oppose Co. Union Ballot

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BETHLEHEM, Pa., March 27.—Bethlehem Steel strikers here greeted the announcement that the Bethlehem Steel Co. had agreed to meet with their union with cheers that the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee had the company "on the run."

But there was at yet no word from SWOC headquarters here on the progress of negotiations between union and company officials which began this morning on the five demands presented by the union as a basis for terminating the strike of 16,000 steel workers. Officials of the company and union conferred for one hour and 27 minutes—the first conference since the SWOC called the strike Monday in protest against election of officers on company property by the employees' representation plan, which the SWOC charges is a company union.

Negotiations between SWOC and Bethlehem Steel Corp. officials were still continuing at 9 o'clock tonight. J. C. Higgins told a mass rally of strikers that "things looked favorable for the workers" and urged the strikers to continue on picket duty pending further announcement by the union leaders.

Thomas Lambert, Federal Conciliator, issued a statement late this afternoon declaring that the company and the union officials are "not far apart" and that "something big was going to happen."

The inclusion of a fifth demand by the union for "an honest system of collective bargaining" was seen as an indication of the union's strength in the negotiations.

Well-organized picketing continued strong at all the gates of the plant throughout the day. Protesters of the strikers to Governor James against Tuesday night's vicious police attack brought a statement from the Governor that "peaceful picketing" would not be interfered with although the Governor praised the action of the State Police in smashing the picket lines.

Besides the demand for "collective bargaining" the four other demands of the union are:

1. Re-hiring of all workers without discrimination.
2. Withdrawing permission for company union (ERP) election.
3. Disbanding of the company union.
4. Agreement on a Labor Board election.

By David Lurie

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., March 27.—Steel Workers Organizing Committee members and supporters in the huge Johnstown plant of the Bethlehem Steel Co. here will walk out on strike tonight or early tomorrow morning if the company goes through with its threatened company union election.

Zero hour will probably be T. A. M. tomorrow morning when the morning shift begins. This will be the last of the three days scheduled for employee representation plan elections. The ERP company union election were postponed yesterday and today as a result of the SWOC threat to shut down the plant if they were held. However, SWOC

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Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, chained between two other prisoners, had a mask thrown over his face by his guards as he arrived at Atlanta, Ga., yesterday. A federal agent is shown at the right trying to block the cameraman. Photographers were threatened not to take pictures, the United Press said.

Browder, Chained and Masked By Guards, Taken to Prison

Murray Hits Knudsen for Allis Edict

Challenges Knudsen, Knox on Right to Issue 'Order'

PITTSBURGH, March 27 (UP).—CIO President Philip Murray today challenged the right of Defense Director William S. Knudsen and Secretary of Navy Frank Knox to order production resumed at the strike-bound Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co. plant at Milwaukee.

Murray's challenge was delivered in identical telegrams to Knudsen and Secretary Knox.

"By what power," he asked, "are you and Secretary Knox authorized to issue ultimatums when provisions are already made and an executive order issued by the President of the United States for the orderly adjudication of such disputes, first through the Conciliation Service of the Department of Labor; failing there, to be certified by the Secretary of Labor to the National Mediation Board?"

The CIO president accused Knudsen of issuing his return-to-work order without consulting the wishes of the CIO union involved in the controversy.

"It is my understanding," he messaged, "that you met with the officials of the Allis-Chalmers Company yesterday and that you did not consult either the officials of the United Auto Workers or the officers of the local union at Allis-Chalmers."

"Under date of March 1, Mr. Hillman (Sidney Hillman, co-director with Knudsen of the Office of Production Management) and you submitted to the Allis-Chalmers workers a proposal, with the understanding that if accepted by them you would also insist upon its acceptance by the company."

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CIO Auto Union Forces Ford to Meet on Demands

Series of Effective Stoppages Recently Compels Plant Officials to Confer; NLRB Ousts Phony Ford Complaint

By William Allan

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Mich., March 27.—Labor history was made Wednesday when high ranking officials of the Ford Motor Co. met with a CIO United Auto Workers shop committee for four hours and agreed tentatively to work out certain union demands affecting working conditions in the shop.

The demands were:

One half hour for lunch instead of fifteen minutes; smoking to be allowed during lunch periods; union committeemen to be allowed to contact union leaders at union offices outside the plant to consult; union department committeemen to be allowed to contact building committeemen on joint problems.

Harry Mack and James Brady headed the company committee which met with Federal Conciliator James Dewey and the governor's

special mediation committee and the union committee.

The obvious reason for the Ford officials meeting for the first time with the UAW-CIO is due to six or seven stoppages in the last two weeks involving many thousands of workers demanding and winning the return of fired Ford workers, and for improved working conditions.

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Albany Senate Passes Red-Baiting School Bill

By S. W. Gerson

(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)

ALBANY, March 27.—Moving at top speed, the Senate today blitzkrieged through the Stokes Bill denying state aid to any city, school or college which permits the teaching of doctrines "contrary to the constitution of the United States or the State of New York." It now goes to the Assembly.

The measure, unthinkable even a year ago, was steamrollered through without discussion. It follows a persistent red-baiting barrage against the free public schools laid down by the Rapp-Coudert Committee.

Meanwhile, the Hampton-Devaney Bill, ostensibly aimed at the Communist Party but actually directed against any dissenting political

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[The following story was received by the Daily Worker by special wire from the United Press in Atlanta, Georgia, since this paper has no other direct source of news from there.—Editors.]

(By United Press)

ATLANTA, Ga., March 27.—Communist Party leader Earl Browder, wearing a makeshift white mask over his face, was taken from a New York train here today and hurried to the Atlanta Penitentiary to serve a four year term for passport fraud.

Browder was led from the train by two detectives who had accompanied him from New York. He was manacled to two Negro prisoners.

In an effort to prevent his picture being taken, a mask made of a large white handkerchief was pulled over Browder's face. It had holes for his eyes and nose punched in it.

[In New York at the time of his surrender, a government order prohibited photographers from taking Browder's picture and news photographers were warned on pain of having their cameras confiscated not to attempt to take his photograph after his surrender. The unprecedented order forbidding pictures as he stepped into the U.S. Marshall's van was issued by the Department of Justice. Officials were reported to have said they wanted to "de-emphasize" Browder.]

Previously on the train the 1940 Communist Party candidate for President refused to discuss his case with news-

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Trade Unions Throughout Country Mobilize Support For American People's Meeting at Randall's Island

CIO and AFL Unions
Elect Scores of
Delegates

TO MEET APRIL 5

Harlem Organizations
Call Peace Meeting
for April 5

A "Harlem Peoples Rally for Peace" will be held at 116th St. and Lexington Ave. at noon on Saturday, April 5, following which the crowd will form a procession and proceed to the Tri-Borough Stadium, Randall's Island, where the opening salvo will be fired by the American Peace Mobilization against the imperialist war.

The rally, made up of trade union, church, civic, fraternal and other organizations and a large number of unaffiliated persons, is being sponsored by the Harlem Legislative Conference, of which Rep. Vito Marcantonio, who will be the main speaker at Randall's Island, is chairman.

From all parts of the city, meanwhile, come reports of activity in preparation for the American People's Meeting, April 6. It is reported at the headquarters of the American Peace Mobilization, 1133 Broadway, which is leading the nation-wide campaign to get the United States out of the war and keep it out, that trade unions of the AFL and the CIO have been meeting all this week with the APM on their agendas.

UNIONS ELECT DELEGATES

Shop and official delegates, delegates from locals, district committees, women's auxiliaries, community councils and block or apartment-house peace committees are being elected, APM reports.

C. H. Van Tine, heading the New York Council's trade union division, says that the National Maritime Union has elected 109 delegates for the American Peace Meeting. Many ships' crews now at sea, are reported to be electing delegates to represent them. The United Electrical, Radio, Machine Workers of America, promises also to send a large delegation.

The executive board of District 1, URMWA, will attend the convention in a body as official delegates. Locals 1206, 1234, 1235 and 1237, are sending from 12 to 20 delegates each.

All the members of these locals are showing great interest in the Randall's Island meeting, but one local is taking 1,000 tickets for admission of the general public.

A rank and file meeting of haters Wednesday night elected two delegates. The United Fur and Leather Workers Joint Council has also elected two delegates. The shoe, furniture and office workers have each elected a number of delegates.

GARMENT WORKERS ACT

Reports come from the ILGWU that shops are electing scores of delegates through the Needle Trade Council. Workers in shops within the same blocks of buildings have in some cases united for this purpose.

Musicians, actors, film workers and motion picture operators in the cultural division of the APM recently formed a council which will be represented at the meeting by delegates from each of these sections. Official delegates from Cafeteria Workers Local 302 and Cooks Local 89 will speak for these unions. In addition, many restaurants and hotels are electing shop delegates.

Mrs. Jeannette Stern Turner, secretary of the women's division of APM's New York Council, reports that numerous trade union women's auxiliaries have elected delegates. Mothers' clubs, women's auxiliaries of the International Workers Order, Harlem churches, and a wide variety of women's committees in the neighborhoods, as well as national organizations and youth groups, Mrs. Turner says, have selected delegates to represent the special interests of women in the struggle against imperialist war.

Reporting on its activities, the International Workers Order in New York City says that it is planning a colorful contingent to parade at Randall's Island. Delegates from the 13 national groups will march behind their banners, led by the IWO Bugle and Drum Corps and bands. A group in each section will be dressed in national costumes.

British Take Keren After Long Siege

Italian Resistance of Mountain Stronghold in Eritrea Ends

CAIRO, March 27 (UP).—British forces pushed the Italian east African empire to the brink of total collapse today by capturing Keren, the mountain stronghold guarding the Eritrean capital of Asmara, and also Harar, second city of Ethiopia only less than 30 miles from the Addis Ababa-Djibouti railroad.

The fall of Keren after nearly two months of siege laid open the road to Asmara, 65 miles down the rugged Anseba River valley, and made almost certain the complete collapse of all Eritrea, Mussolini's oldest African colony.

By gaining possession of Harar, the British are in position to cut the railroad connecting Addis Ababa with the outside world. Dire Dawa, nearest railroad town to Harar, has been under aerial bombardment for days.

Harar was taken by a column moving through the treacherous Marda pass from Djigla. The pass, a natural defense reinforced with deep defenses of wire, tunnels and tank traps, had fallen to the West African troops with surprising ease.

Capture of Keren from 35,000 stubborn Italian troops who had withstood relentless pounding by air and land for almost two months broke the backbone of Italian resistance in the Red Sea region. The defense of Keren had been the strongest put up by Mussolini's legions anywhere in Africa.

Ribbentrop and Matsuoka 'Agree' On All Questions

BERLIN, March 27 (UP).—Japanese and German Foreign Ministers Yoneki Matsuoka and Joachim von Ribbentrop find themselves in "hearty agreement" on all current questions, a communique announced today.

At a conference this morning which lasted several hours, Ribbentrop and Matsuoka reached "complete unity of views on all questions arising from the cooperation of Germany, Italy and Japan." The conference occurred "in an atmosphere of hearty agreement."

After the conference, Ribbentrop tendered a reception to Matsuoka, his party and a small circle of high Nazi officials. The Japanese Foreign Minister was to see Hitler late this afternoon.

German Nationals Flee Yugoslavia

BERLIN, March 27 (UP).—German nationals began fleeing from Yugoslavia early today.

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up in the Senate, the usual routine of the last-minute jam.

The legislature voted to adjourn April 3 and the Senate with that date in mind today passed 131 bills and advanced 116 others.

MUZZICATO OPPOSES

Sponsored by Senator Walter Stokes, Republican retired broker from Cooperstown, the bill adopted today is sympathetic of the temper of the legislators toward the public school system. The only hand raised against it was that of Senator Charles Muzzicato, East Harlem, Republican elected with American Labor Party support.

Under the terms of the Stokes bill, a city can conceivably lose the money extended to its school system if, for example, one of its teachers was found telling his students about the child labor amendment, which might be construed to be "contrary to the constitution."

SHARP BATTLE

"No such payment (State aid) shall hereafter be made to any school district or municipal corporation, or officer thereof, or to any school, college, university or other educational institution which, in a school or other educational institution under its jurisdiction, authorizes or permits the teaching of or the giving of instruction in doctrines or principles of government subversive of or contrary to the constitution of the United States or of the State of New York or of the system of free and orderly government therein ordained or which advocates the overthrow or destruction of government by force."

It is not expected that the Stokes bill will have as easy a time in the Assembly. In the course of legislative routine it will go to the Assembly rules committee which may or may not report it out. It gets out a floor fight may be expected.



Take Ill-Fated Tanker's Survivors Ashore: Members of the crew of the Denver being transferred from the Pan-New York, rescue ship, to a Coast Guard surf boat at Beaufort, N. C. Nineteen seamen lost their lives when the tanker caught fire after an explosion while 100 miles off the Carolina coast.

Open Bethlehem Talks, Johnstown Walkout Looms

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leaders today declared that they believed the company might try to go through with its plans for an election during the twenty-four hours left.

Indications that the company might be preparing for a lockout, or as one SWOC organizer expressed it: "A lock-in of the few company stooges" were seen in the fact that two carloads of refrigerated food and army cots were brought into the plant yesterday.

UNION IS CONFIDENT

But James Gent, SWOC subregional director in charge of the Bethlehem organizing drive here, expressed full confidence in the union's ability to shut the plant down if the ERP voting is attempted.

"Our men, and that means the overwhelming majority of the 14,000 in the plant, will start walking out the moment they put the balloting boxes in."

Queries of steel workers in various mills brought the same answer. "Union and non-union men will walk out of my department if they bring the boxes in." This worker's department has 300 workers in it only nine of them voted in the ERP nominations two weeks ago. That voting was met by a stoppage organized by the SWOC which saw upwards of 5,000 walk out. SWOC leaders expect that there will be a complete stoppage this time. Over a thousand are said

to have joined the union within the last week alone.

Meanwhile the management disclaims all responsibility for the company union which was ordered dissolved by the NLRB two years ago. However, workers have reported that mill bosses last night told workers that if they disobeyed the SWOC strike call the company "would take care of them." At the same time, Sidney Evans, General Superintendent of the Bethlehem Steel plant here, admitted to reporters today that "if the ERP election is called off for another day, it will be a victory for the SWOC."

The issue at Johnstown is identical with that at Bethlehem, Pa., where a strike is now in progress as a result of ERP balloting. The fact that the company union election has been twice postponed is considered a victory for the SWOC. However, union officials believe that the company will attempt the elections either at the beginning of the 11 o'clock shift tonight, or the early morning shift tomorrow.

Not all the workers could be reached in such balloting since it takes four shifts to man the three shifts in a twenty-four hour period. The men work two shifts within that time. However, SWOC leaders pointed out that the company doesn't really care how many vote "just so long as they can say they held an election."

'Soviet Power' Forum Sunday

A symposium on the Dean of Canterbury's "Soviet Power" will be held Sunday night at 8 P. M. at the Pythian Temple, 135 W. 70th St., under the auspices of the West Side Book Club.

Margaret Cowell will discuss women and Socialism and the significance of the Dean's book in the struggle for equality for women.

Alexander Trachtenberg, head of International Publishers, which is handling the distribution of the book in America, will also speak.

Benjamin Davis, Jr., member of the editorial board of the Daily Worker, will lead the discussion on national minorities and Socialism.

Tickets may be obtained in advance at the Worker's Bookshop, 50 E. 13th St.

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Yugoslavs Jail Signers of Axis Agreement

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Belgrade and provincial centers shouting: "Yugoslavia is free—down with the traitors!"

The early morning coup d'état led by Yugoslav army leaders, most of whom are bitter anti-Nazi Serbs, placed in power under King Peter a government headed by General Richard Dusan-Simovitch, ardently pro-British commander of the air force and former chief of the General Staff.

Placed under arrest, according to Belgrade reports, were ousted Premier Dragisa Cvetkovitch and Foreign Minister Alexander Cincar-Markovitch who only 48 hours before had stood with Adolf Hitler in Vienna's Belvedere Palace and signed Yugoslavia's "limited" adherence to the Axis alliance.

They and all the other pro-Axis Cabinet Ministers were forced to resign, along with Prince Regent Paul and the two other members of the royal regency.

GREEKS HOPEFUL AT REVOLT

ATHENS, March 27 (UP).—Cheering Greek crowds gathered before the Yugoslav legation today and streamed through the streets shouting "our Yugoslav brothers are with us," after newspaper extras announced the Yugoslav revolt against German domination and the overthrow of the Belgrade Government.

PRINCE PAUL FLEES TO GREECE

BERLIN, March 27 (UP).—Prince Regent Paul, forced out of power by today's army coup d'état, left for Greece at 11 P. M., accompanied by his Grecian Princess, Olga, in accordance with his own wishes.

He previously had been intercepted and brought back to Belgrade Wednesday night while trying to flee to his country estate at Brno near the German border.

Nazi Bombers Attack Big British Convoy

RAF Planes Conduct Heavy Raids on Nazi Centers

BERLIN, March 27 (UP).—German bombers today attacked a large British convoy in St. George's channel, between Ireland and England, sank three ships and left three others in a sinking condition, the official DNB agency said tonight.

In addition, according to DNB, other German bombers successfully attacked objectives of military importance on the English south and southeast coasts.

The daily communique of the High Command said the Luftwaffe on Wednesday destroyed 28,500 tons of enemy shipping and damaged another 50,000 tons.

RAF BOMBS NAZI CENTERS

LONDON, Friday, March 28 (UP).—British bombers were reported carrying out strong attacks on Germany early today as the government, in an official account of "the greatest air battle history," revealed how Hitler's big air blitz of the struggle for equality for women.

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Casualties of clashes between nationalist demonstrators and French authorities remained at 12 "victims," including both dead and wounded. Seven of these were known to be dead.

Rapp-Coudert Subpoena Server Invades Girl Student's Home

A subpoena server for the Rapp-Coudert Committee invaded the home of a Brooklyn College student Thursday, March 27, in the early hours of the morning and hurled a subpoena at her in front of her bedroom door shouting abusively while she stood half dressed, Miss Claire Neikid, Chairman of the Committee for the Defense of Student Rights, charged yesterday.

Attaching this procedure as "a newly found method of intimidation typical of the attitude and objectives of the Rapp-Coudert Committee," Miss Neikid continued:

BROWDER CHAINED, MASKED BY GUARDS, TAKEN TO PRISON

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papermen who had pushed aside his two guards.

"Have you any statement to make?" he was asked. He didn't even shake his head.

The train that brought Browder from New York was nearly an hour late and his guards waited until it was ready to continue on to Birmingham before taking him off.

A grey felt hat had been pulled down over his forehead to keep the mask in place. He wore a black overcoat.

His guards warned photographers they would smash the cameras of anyone trying to take Browder's picture. They held their hats in front of Browder's masked face.

Browder and the other two prisoners were taken by automobile immediately to the federal penitentiary. He was fingerprinted, photographed, assigned a number and given prison clothes and then sent to the quarantine cell block for a week or ten days. This is the normal procedure.

Chilean Communists Send Warm Greetings to Browder

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

SANTIAGO, Chile, March 27.—Warm greetings were cabled today to Earl Browder, imprisoned leader of the Communist Party of the United States, by the Chilean Communist Party, it was announced here.

The cable, signed by Carlos Contreras Labarca, General Secretary of the Chilean Party, and Elias Fafertte, Chairman, reads as follows:

"In solidarity with Comrade Browder, in behalf of the Communist Party and of the people of Chile, we warmly greet the great leader of the North American people."

WPA Teachers In Court Test On Salaries

Union Brings Suit on Withholding of 'Suspects' Pay

A test suit, to determine whether the WPA administration can legally withhold earned salary from those workers whom it suspects of being Communists, began yesterday morning at 10 o'clock in the Court of Claims, at 90 Church St. The suit was brought by the WPA Teachers Union, Local 453, AFL, through its attorney, Archibald Bronson before Trial Commissioner Richard Akers.

The union attorney stood firm on his request for the issuance of subpoenas for high WPA officials.

The case involves the amount of \$28.80, alleged not to have been paid to Miss Ruth Widen, a member of the union; when she was suspended from the Comprehensive Testing Program on August 1, 1940.

It is expected to clear up a situation involving nearly 100 New York WPA workers, and to set a precedent for future procedure in this regard.

William LeVner, president of the WPA Teachers Union, stated that the summoning of Works Project Commission Howard O. Hunter and of the New York WPA administrator, to testify about current WPA procedure in suspensions, was an essential part of the case.

"It has been the practice of WPA officials," said Mr. LeVner, "to dismiss employees who are not Communists in any sense of the word, but something indefinable and nebulous called fellow travelers. Evidence for these dismissals is admittedly gotten from disreputable and discredited elements, professional stool-pigeons, whose jobs on WPA are continued from year to year, as long as they keep on with their public and private smearing of their fellow employees."

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Garage Strike Continues As Parley Fails

Striking AFL garage washers and polishers who jammed the Central Opera House at 67th St. and Third Ave. last night staged a stormy demonstration against proposals of the union executive board to halt their strike and mediate wage and hour issues after returning to work.

Earlier in the day, officials of the State Mediation Board had stated that the walkout of 8,500 garage workers in Manhattan and the Bronx had ended, following a conference between the employers and union officials, during which time the union officials had "accepted" the employers offer of an annual one week vacation with pay, and mediation on the wages and hours issue in the walkout.

The garage workers, members of Local 272, an affiliate of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters walked out last Tuesday night, following protracted and fruitless negotiations for a 20 per cent wage increase, a reduction of working hours from 54 to 42, and a week's vacation with pay.

A mass rally of the strikers called at 5:30 P. M. to act upon the employers demands turned into a stormy protest by the rank and file when union officials, headed by Harry Jacobson, who acted as chairman of the meeting, urged the strikers to accept the employers terms. Rank and file grabbed up picket signs and paraded around the hall, demanding that the walkout continue until more favorable terms are won.

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'Free Browder' Fund Plea Gets Nationwide Response

C. P. Branches Wire Funds; Waterfront Raises \$590

From all over the nation Communist Party branches and progressive anti-war organizations have responded with a ringing challenge to the imperialist juries of Earl Browder and have enthusiastically adopted the National Committee's recommendation for a Free Browder Fund.

From Boston the West End C. P. Branch sends the following wire: "The West End Branch feels keenly your courage and leadership in the face of vicious persecution and the irreparable loss to the Party and the American people. Members of the executive committee pledge \$20 to the Browder Fighting Fund and further pledge that the entire branch membership will raise a large fund and redouble its efforts to effect your release and get America out of the war."

The Essex County Committee of New Jersey at a regular meeting raised \$12 and \$50 in pledges "as the first installment of its answer to the conviction of our great leader Earl Browder for the crime of being the best fighter for peace in America. We promise further installments not only in dollars but in new members to compensate for the loss of Comrade Browder and to make that loss as temporary as possible." The telegram was signed by Lawrence Mahan.

N. J. BRANCH SENDS \$70

An enlarged meeting of the Elizabeth, N. J., Communist Party hailed the Free Browder Fund by "We furthermore pledge," said the telegram signed by Henry Allen, "our unstinting efforts to build and strengthen the Communist Party as the most effective expression for the Free Browder Campaign."

The West New York Branch of the Communist Party of Hudson County, New Jersey, collected \$25 toward the Browder Defense Fund. "This is only the beginning," wrote Rose Kent, of the Browder Defense Fund of West New York, "of what we have pledged ourselves to in fighting for your release which is ours."

A telegram signed by "members and friends of the Madison and Beloit Communist Party and the University of Wisconsin Young Communist League," said:

"Dear Comrade Browder: Gathered at a banquet for Mother Bloor we greet you as the leader of the people's struggle against the imperialist war. You have gone to jail today because your outspoken condemnation of the administration's war program threatens the entire capitalist system. We pledge to fight for your freedom and to build the Communist movement. We have firm faith in the victory of the people."

LOS ANGELES RESPONDS

From the Pacific Coast, the Los Angeles County Communist Party wires "full agreement with the decision of the National Committee on the special Free Browder Fund." It pledged to fulfill "our responsibility in this drive for the building of a stronger Communist Party in answer to the jailers of Comrade Earl Browder."

The Woodlawn Lodge 921 of the International Workers Order called the imprisonment of Earl Browder "a vicious blow against the American working class" and pledged "united, untiring efforts to obtain your freedom."

Among the first and most successful of the Party organizations responding to the National Committee's appeal, is the Waterfront section of the Communist Party.

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Will Not Rest Until Browder Is Free--Ohio C. P. Pledges

The Ohio Communist Party yesterday pledged that they will never weaken in the fight for Socialism, never cease in their fight for Earl Browder's freedom, and vowed a relentless, vigorous war on reaction for the release of the beloved leader of the American people and against the onrushing war moves by the imperialist American administration. The pledge was made in a telegram sent to Earl Browder yesterday by Yetta Land, Chairman, and Arnold Johnson, Secretary of the Ohio Communist Party. The full text of the telegram follows:

"Now that we need you most they take you from us. Now that our sons and husbands are uprooted from their families to become soldiers for Wall Street they silence your voice. Now that freedom is a haunting mockery they take your first. They hoped to crush your unmatchable spirit. They hoped to break your indomitable courage. They hoped to stultify your brilliant logic. They hoped you would cringe and whine. But you are going to study American history. You are going to turn your prison cell into a study. Your time into ever greater learning and you are not too proud to study American history for America is your country, our country."

"We, the Ohio Communists, shall study with you American history in the making."

"We pledge our individual and united strength to build the Ohio Communist Party in spite of reaction, in spite of persecution. We shall grow strong; we shall not weaken in our fight for Socialism; we shall not weaken in our fight for your freedom, dear comrade, until you are restored to us, until you are restored to the American people."

GREATEST CAMPAIGN

Hardly had the prison doors of Atlanta closed on Browder than Al Lannon, organizer, announced that the Section had raised \$590 for the Free Browder Fund.

"No campaign of our Party has met with such a full-hearted response as the Browder Fighting Fund," said Al Lannon. "Our members are aroused. No one has given or pledged less than a half-day's pay, with the majority giving a full day's pay."

Lannon told of seamen coming off the ships with voluntary donations from \$5 to \$25 to the Fund before even unpacking their bags.

Roy Hudson, a member of the Waterfront section and a National Committee member, offered a half-day's pay. "Browder has been jailed," said Hudson, "but the fight for those things best championed by Browder continues and will gain in strength. We will never rest until this goal is achieved."

Communist Party members from one end of the country to the other saluted Israel Amter, New York State Communist Party Chairman, on the occasion of his 60th birthday, with hundreds of telegrams wishing the beloved working class leader long life and health.

Virtually every telegram contained a pledge to build the recently established "Free Browder Fund"—Amter's own closest wish which the veteran Party leader expressed for his birthday gift.

The Miami Section of the Florida Communist Party wired a money order of \$25 to Amter yesterday with the message "enclosed money order for the Browder Fund is Miami's gift to another beloved leader on his 60th birthday."

Philadelphia C.P. Sends \$150 To Pittsburgh Trial Defense

Letter Protests Refusal to Release 28 on Bail; Frankford and Reeve Cite Different Treatment of Republican Boss; Protest Grows

PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—The Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania today protested the refusal of District Attorney Park to release on bail 28 men and women held in Allegheny County jail.

At the same time, \$150 was sent to the District Committee of the Communist Party of Western Pa. by the District Committee of the C. P. of Eastern Pa. in response to the former's appeal for funds.

The protest, which was contained in a letter sent by Philip Frankford, secretary, and Carl Reeve, legislative chairman of the Communist Party of Eastern Pennsylvania, pointed out the different treatment accorded Republican boss John McClellan, now on trial on more serious charges.

"Thousands of citizens," the letter read, "of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania protest against the failure of District Attorney Park immediately to release on bail 28 Communist and other pro-labor progressives, undergoing political persecution in Allegheny County, pending their appeal to higher courts."

"In the name of all lovers of civil liberties we protest against the transfer of seven of these prisoners to Blawnox Workhouse and we protest against suppression of the news that 20 of the 28 progressives went on a hunger strike against the suppression of their constitutional right to bail. We demand their immediate release on bail."

Win Oil Contract

MUSKEGON, Mich., March 27.—(UP)—Winning substantial war increases, the Oil Workers International Union (CIO) signed its third successive agreement here with the Naph-Sol Refining Co.

The Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists, Room 525, 799 Broadway, New York City, yesterday issued an urgent appeal for funds to aid in the fight for the release of the 28 persons held in Pittsburgh prison on charges. The statement, signed by Robert Minor and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, follows:

The Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists calls the attention of all honest Americans, believers in the preservation of the democratic rights of our country, to the appeal issued

on behalf of 28 American workers of Western Pennsylvania, some of them members and leaders of the Communist Party and others non-Communist trade unionists and members of their families—who are in a Pittsburgh prison. Especially we appeal to all who feel as we do that the guarantees of the American Constitution of the rights of free speech, free assembly, free participation of all citizens in elections, and the guarantee of Article VIII of the Bill of Rights against "excessive bail"—protected by the United States Constitution under the guarantee of a "republican form

of government"—which are the central point of issue in the Pittsburgh struggle of which these 28 Americans are the victims, are at stake.

The financial burden of this important defense against the Hitler-like repressions in connection with the reactionary-stimulated war hysteria in the Pittsburgh industrial area is large. This burden should not be allowed to fall only upon the shoulders of those who are most directly involved and whose sacrifice in other forms are so great. The Committee heartily endorses the plea for aid to them.

We urge not only all of the friends and members of the Communist Party but also every single American whose love of freedom has not been subverted by the present war-makers drive upon the American Bill of Rights to give liberally to the financial support of this cause, and to do it quickly while the funds are most needed. Send all such funds direct to Defense Committee for Civil Rights for Communists.

ROBERT MINOR, Chairman.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, Secretary-Treasurer.

West Side Rally Tonight to Act On Playground

Parents Win Temporary Stay Against Sale of Play Area

The final meeting in a series that has been held throughout Greenwich Village against the proposed sale of Lower West Side playgrounds will be held tonight at Public School 3, Hudson and Grove Sts.

The meeting has been called by the Parents' Council on Playgrounds of the Lower West Side, a delegated group from the five Greenwich Village schools, the Greenwich Village Ass'n., Greenwich House and the American Labor Party in the First and Second Assembly Districts. These playgrounds situated along Sixth Ave. and W. Houston St. which are owned by the Dept. of Transportation, have been loaned to the Dept. of Parks for temporary use. Sale of these plots would seriously affect children living in this area, inasmuch as playgrounds are insufficient even now.

A delegation of parents won a temporary stay at a Board of Estimate meeting several weeks ago when a "test case" on a Brooklyn plot came up. The meeting tonight will hear Charles I. Stewart, president of the Parents Ass'n. of P.S. 41; Gino Bard, editor of L'Unita del Popolo; Stella Cordani, Parents Ass'n. of P.S. 8; James V. Mulholland, Director of Recreation of the Dept. of Parks, and Mary R. Simkovich, director of Greenwich House.

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Police Victim: Bethlehem striker, Andrew Pavelicki, center, shown after being brutally clubbed by Pennsylvania State Police while picketing. With him are SWOC strikers Michael Vincovich, left, and Victor Henning.

Estimate Board Okays New Asphalt Plant

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Student Pressure Forces NYU Dean To 'Explain' Bias

Students Reveal Open Anti-Negro Faculty Incitement in Protests Against Jim-Crowing of Athletics, Suspensions; Fight on Policy Mounts

By Lester Rodney

The pressure of protest against the expulsion of the seven NYU student leaders has been so great that Dean McConn of Washington Square College has started sending a three-page form letter of "explanation" for the brutal action to protesting groups and individuals. Open anti-Negro incitement by members of the NYU faculty were also revealed by students, as was the unsuccessful attempt to make the Negro track member, George Hagans, appear to acquiesce in the Jim Crow policy. The form letter begins:

"Please accept my apologies for this impersonal form of reply; the number of communications received preclude a more individual response."

The seven student leaders, all high in their studies, were suspended for handing out leaflets protesting the third straight act of discrimination by NYU's administration against Negro athletes, the barring of co-Captain George Hagans from participation in the Catholic University Meet at Washington, D.C. As a basis for the suspension, Dean Bailey, chairman of the discipline committee, stated:

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New York Unions Hit Knudsen, Knox as Strikebreakers

See Threat of Fascism In Allis-Chalmers 'Order'

'Defense Heads' Move to Smash Strike Arouses Bitter Resentment in Unions Here; Labor Declares It Will Fight

By George Morris

The order of the OPM Director William Knudsen and Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox to striking workers of the Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Co. of Milwaukee to return to work, was characterized as "strikebreaking" by the government and evoked general resentment in New York's CIO and AFL unions yesterday.

Leaders of unions minced no words but saw the move as a dangerous precedent and a new stage in the growing threat of fascism in the United States.

The 7,800 Allis-Chalmers workers, organized in a local of the United Automobile Workers, CIO, have been on strike for 65 days with the company still refusing to accept a settlement formula drawn up in Washington by OPM officials. The union had accepted that settlement.

The many outstanding trade union officials, everyone of them veterans in negotiations and strike struggles, saw the workers thrown to the mercy of a anti-labor company and they return as Knudsen and Knox ordered them.

CALLS STRIKEBREAKING
Josephine Timms, general secretary-treasurer of the American Communications Association put it this way:

"Strikebreaking by any other name would smell the same. In the face of the union's acceptance of the OPM proposal for settlement a few weeks ago, Knudsen and Knox have chosen to 'order' the strikers to give up their only real weapon, the right to strike.

"This order would throw the workers on the mercy of a union-busting employer. This is not national defense. This is fascism."

Louis Weinstein, heading as secretary-treasurer one of the city's largest, AFL unions, Painters District Council 9, declared that the back-to-work order "gives clear evidence that the OPM aims to develop as a strikebreaking agency."

"What is particularly significant is the great buildup the newspapers are giving to this strike-breaking policy, showing that the real purpose is to have this policy become the general practice in all cases where workers seek to meet the rising cost of living with demands for wage increases.

"Instead of forcing such large corporations as Bethlehem Steel and Allis-Chalmers to abide by the law and bargain with labor in good faith, the government is attacking labor. Bethlehem steel, instead of complying with the law and waiting for a higher court decision on its company - union, deliberately provoked the strike of its workers by its efforts to carry through a company-union election.

"So in the case of the Allis-Chalmers Co., instead of forcing the company to accept the settlement agreed upon at Washington, it puts responsibility upon the union which had agreed to the settlement.

"Needless to say this latest action is not confined against only CIO unions. The next one to get hit may be an AFL organization."

'DICTATORIAL'
"We are appalled at this singular dictatorial order of the OPM," said Marcel Scherer, vice-president of the Federation of Architects, Engineers, Chemists and Technicians.

"Such an edict to chain workers to their jobs, indicates that Knudsen has not lost his admiration of his erstwhile friend Hitler and is now treating American labor the Hitler way."

"Has Knudsen forgotten that he took an oath of office to enforce the laws of the land? So why doesn't he take action against Allis-Chalmers Co. for refusing to settle with its workers and for sabotaging the defense orders they took at an appreciable profit.

"The Allis-Chalmers Co. has failed for months to break the strike of its workers and it is a crying injustice that Knudsen, as a government representative, should now endeavor to accomplish that for them.

"We call upon Knudsen to keep hands off the free trade unions of this country."

Officer of a union of 5,000, whose members are engaged in machine manufacturing, as the Allis-Chalmers workers are, William Mitchell, business agent of Machine and Tool Local 478, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, said this is "direct strikebreaking by the administration."

A TIP-OFF

"The order to the Allis-Chalmers workers should be the tip-off, and final and complete proof to the workers of this country on what the administration is aiming for."

"Coupled with all the other moves throughout the country to destroy civil rights, it is nothing less than a step to smash the trade union movement."

Sam Kramberg, secretary-treasurer of another of New York's large AFL unions, Cafeteria Employees Local 202, declared as follows:

"This OPM order challenges all labor as the first direct application of dictatorial measures against unions. This is all the more serious as the union was ready to accept a settlement referring issues to arbitration weeks ago. (Now the onus is placed on the unions.)"

Speaking in behalf of "white-collar" workers, Ann Berenholtz, executive secretary of the Joint Council, United Office and Professional Workers, CIO, said the order is an effort to "stem the tide of labor organization" now sweeping the country.

"We see office workers joining unions as never before, and this indicates to us that the whole country's labor is moving to unionism. I don't think the workers of America will take such dictation lying down. I am sure it will meet with resistance from all sections of the labor movement."

Ben Gold, International President of Fur and Leather Workers' Union, said he had just returned from Chicago, where one "gets the feeling that fascism is on the way and that all reactionary forces are being mobilized against labor."

"This Midwestern wave of strikebreaking," he added, is now sweeping Eastward.

"This order to strikers to return to work without a settlement of their grievances is encouraging the strike-breaking and union-smashing forces."

"I doubt very much whether they will be able to force upon the American workers such reactionary dictatorial policy. While the workers are loyal and devoted to their country, and are ready to defend it, they will not permit the monopolists and the various other reactionary agencies to deprive them of their democratic rights to organize and improve their economic condition."

"This reactionary wave is planned for the next step to throw progressive labor leaders into jails and concentration camps. Just as the American workers are ready to fight fascism from without they will resist fascism from within."

FURNITURE UNION PROTESTS
Max Perlow, vice-president of United Furniture Workers, CIO and manager of Local 76-B, said:

"The labor movement regards this as direct interference by the government to break strikes. The unions will not stand for such policy. I believe that this latest indication of the government's policy in respect to labor will arouse the workers to more militant resistance than ever against such edicts."

"This is not only a case against the CIO. It is equally aimed against the A. F. of L. unions. On this issue labor should certainly unite and fight against this open strikebreaking by the government."

Arthur Osman, president of Warehouse & Wholesale Local 65, CIO, the country's largest union in the field said:

"This is evidence of the government's intention to break strikes, to suppress the right to strike, and to destroy every kind of trade unionism except company-unionism. The government has done nothing to crack down on employers who provoke strikes."

Osman cited how in his own union the U. S. Department of Labor takes no interest in intervening into the strike of the National Container Corp. Similarly Mayor LaGuardia refuses to condemn the Wheeling drug chain for refusing to accept arbitration.

"It is obvious that the only time the government intervenes in strikes that are so effective that the employers, without the aid of the government, cannot break them."

DISPELS ILLUSION
"These events dispel the illusion that the government is impartial in the fight between employers and workers. They have demonstrated that the government agencies are weapons of employers to crush the efforts of workers to obtain a degree of security."

Isidore Rosenberg, manager of the Joint Council of the United Shoe Workers of Greater New York, said:

"It sets a very dangerous precedent and the government it seems to me, is bent upon breaking strikes and the efforts of workers to better their conditions."

"Such policy by the government threatens the very existence of the labor movement in the country. We feel that the federal government should rather force the employers to comply with the Wagner Labor Relations Act and other labor laws and many of the strikes which are as deadlocked now would not have occurred in the first place."

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Bronx Citizens Protest Firing NYA Students

To Hold Mass Meeting Tonight on Discharges of 43 Workers

Petitions with thousands of signatures expressing the protest of a Bronx community against dismissal of 54 NYA workers of various community houses, will be presented to officials of the National Youth Administration tonight at a mass meeting in Jane Adams High School, 161st St. & Tenth Ave.

Among the speakers at the rally will be Assemblyman Homer C. Tanenbaum, sponsor of the N. Y. Youth Act, Henry Herman, representing the NYA administration will be presented with the petitions. Other speakers are Louis Bernham, Negro youth leader; Rev. E. Hawkins, and a representative of the Transport Workers Union.

Backing the signatures are resolutions from various parent, welfare, union and other community groups whom the NYA workers had benefited.

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Workers Tighten Solidarity as City, State Officials Refuse to Act to Halt Hoodlum Attacks; Not a Wheel Turning in the Four Struck Plants

By Carl Harris

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, March 27.—Against a background of organized violence against the union pickets, the Harvester strike reached the crucial stage today with city and state officials flatly refusing to stop bloodshed by ordering the McCormick Works closed.

As the "Dawn Patrol" of several thousand pickets assembled here early this morning, news was received of similar bloody attacks on the strikers in Richmond, Indiana, where another International Harvester Plant has been closed by a strike.

After five days of the kind of terrorism for which Chicago police are notorious, the strike ranks remained more solid than ever, with the workers convinced that the strike will be won on the picket line and not through the tender mercies of some mediation board.

It was clear also that the strikers have the upper hand in this situation, with not a wheel turning in any of the four struck plants.

It was evident, however, the company, unable to break the union solidarity by other means, had declared war, in a final desperate attempt to bludgeon the workers into line with the war and hunger program.

Strike leaders Robert Foley and Clifford Kerr, president of the local union, were among the 63 strikers arrested and held incommunicado. As vigilantes and state troopers clubbed a bloody path through the picket line for 150 yards, the strikers put up a militant fight and the plant remained inoperative, since more than 1,200 workers are normally employed.

In Chicago, the atmosphere became even more tense, with 2,000 police carrying on a strategy of sniping attacks against pickets.

PLANT NOT OPERATING
The McCormick plant, where the company has concentrated all its might in an attempt to break through, remained entirely out of commission with a sprinkling of scabs unable to man the plant which requires a force of more than 7,000.

This fact remained the union's ace-in-the-hole in spite of what the union described as "the company's bloody rampage of brutality and terror."

Meanwhile, the call went out for a huge mobilization of pickets next Monday morning at 5 A. M., union leaders pointed out that such a show of strength would make a decisive break in the company's rapidly weakening position and force them to agree to mediation.

A union delegation which appeared yesterday before the city council minced no words in telling Mayor Kelly and the Council that the workers will hold them to account for the brutal strikebreaking activities of the police.

The complexity of the city authorities is flung in the face of the council by Attorney Pearl Hart, of the Midwest Federation for Constitutional Liberties, who demand that the Council order an end to police violence in the strike.

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for his betrayal of labor and his rabid pro-war activities.

Moore then turned dramatically to the Negro Alderman, Earl Dickerson and told him that he was responsible to the workers. "I worked for two months to help put you in office," Moore declared. "Now what are you going to do for us?"

Mayor Kelly's pose as an impartial strike mediator was blasted last night when this slick machine politician turned his back on the promises he had made to a union delegation just a few hours before and became the spokesman for the company's proposal that the strikers go back to work and mediate later.

The union's answer was to challenge the Mayor to send a committee into the plant and count the number of scabs to prove that workers who went on strike have not returned to the plant.

The union's exposure of the anti-labor position of the city authorities came after thousands of pickets massed in the streets before the City Hall in a stirring protest against police violence. The Loop streets were tied up completely as the huge parade circled the City Hall, headed by three of the victims of the brutal police assaults, their heads swathed in bandages.

USING PAID SLUGGERS
Chairman Grant Oakes, of the FEWOC, declared that "the International Harvester Company in Chicago and Richmond is using paid hoodlums, vigilantes and city police in a brutal rampage, leaving a continuous stream of battered and slugged workers in their wake."

He reported that in Richmond strikers are being arrested in their homes and flung into jail without charges or warrants.

"The town of Richmond," he said, "now resembles a section of Hitler-Germany, with the towns people living in fear of their lives."

"The jails are filled with peaceful pickets. Others are forced to escape to outlying towns to keep from being assaulted by thugs with and without uniforms."

Oakes charged that in Chicago Mayor Kelly's police department is being used as an auxiliary branch of the International Harvester Corporation and that many police officials are being directly paid by the company.

Fire Routs 37 Families
POTTSVILLE, Pa., March 27.—Fire destroyed eleven houses last night and left 37 families homeless. No injuries were reported.

The flames swept a half block on North Third Street. Families carried their belongings to the street when the blaze threatened for a time to spread.



Harvester Protest: CIO strikers in the Harvester plant present their protest to Mayor Kelly and the Chicago City Council against police brutality. The protest followed a mass parade through Chicago's Loop. Robert Travers, organizer of the Farm Equipment Organizing Committee, is shown speaking; CIO strikers are at tables.

Government 'Purges' NLRB Demotes All Progressives

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27.—The administration today carried through a sweeping purge of the National Labor Relations Board designed to bring the agency completely in line with the President's war program.

NLRB Chairman Harry A. Mills and member William M. Leiserson, the President's most recent appointees, joined in effecting a series of demotions and promotions which materially weakened the position of members of the staff who adhere to the board's traditional pro-labor policies.

Skyrocketed to jobs of considerable importance under the new set-up were a number of lesser employees who have been particular favorites of Leiserson's.

Board member Smith refused to participate in the meeting, and denounced the reorganization as "a combined purge and elevation of staff members on a basis particularly agreeable to one member of the board."

Smith charged that the shake-up "here the earmarks, in my careful estimation, of a plan whose underlying purpose was to penalize loyal and efficient servants of the board for no better reason than that Dr. Leiserson has from the beginning of his term of office been prejudiced against them, and, similarly, to advantage members of the board's staff on a plan pleasing to Dr. Leiserson."

New developments in the Labor Board were in keeping with the administration's swiftly developing anti-labor activities such as the unceasing strikebreaking of OPM Director William S. Knudsen and Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox in the Allis-Chalmers case.

In Congress, members of the anti-labor poll-tax phalanx including Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia, Rep. Martin Dies of Texas and Rep. Hutton Summers of Texas rapped the administration for not moving with sufficient severity to crush the labor movement.

URGES FURTHER 'PROBE'
"And Rep. Howard Smith of Virginia introduced a resolution asking for a new lease of life and

broader powers for his smear investigation of the board.

Sumners virtually called for mob violence against strikers when he said that if the American people realized the gravity of the strike situation "they would tear apart the men who stand between them and the chance to put effective weapons into the hands of those who are to defend this country."

Byrd criticized Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins for not having certified any cases of the newly-created National Mediation Board for action.

Only one and a half hours after Byrd made his complaint, however, Secretary Perkins certified four strikes to the Defense Mediation Board. These were the International Harvester, Condenser Corporation, Vanadium Corporation and Universal Cylinders, strikes.

While the poll-taxers were engaging in blood-thirsty oratory, the fact is that the administration is in real command of the anti-labor drive.

LAST STRONGHOLD
The crack-down in the NLRB was significant as an attempt to tie fully into the war program one of the few remaining agencies where some pro-labor officials have continued to occupy positions.

NLRB Chairman Mills made no secret of the fact that the purpose of the shake-up was "to meet the needs of National Defense and the nation's expanding industrial activity."

In addition to a series of demotions and promotions, the Leiserson-Mills combination also appointed three assistant directors in a recently created field division.

The function of these new assistant directors will apparently be to check up and make sure that regional directors keep in line.

Today's public flare-up between Smith on the one hand and Mills and Leiserson on the other hand brought to a head long-developing differences in the board.

Smith has insisted on following the traditional pro-labor policies of the board, while Mills and Leiserson have undermined the Wagner

UAW Forces Ford to Meet On Demands

Stoppages Compel Plant Talks; NLRB Denies Ford Complaint

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tions. The Ford officials later said: "We did not meet with the union—we just talked."

Another reason for the meeting was that the 30-day "cooling off" period demanded by the State Mediation Law on any strike notice, such as was filed Feb. 27, expired Wednesday, with the threat of a strike still hanging over the River Rouge, Lincoln and Highland Park plants.

Speedy action in arranging the NLRB vote at the Rouge and Lincoln plants was predicted here today following completion of an examiner's hearing in an overtime session Wednesday in the federal building.

Final developments of the hearing were:

1. A request of I. A. Capizzi, Ford attorney for subpoenas to bring 16 witnesses into the hearing to "prove" his charge that the hearing was a conspiracy on the part of the UAW-CIO and the NLRB, along with the Communist Party to "gain control" of the Ford plant which is engaged in "national defense."

2. Maurice Sugar, counsel for the UAW-CIO agreed that he would no longer press demands that Edsel Ford and Henry Ford would be subpoenaed and brought in to testify.

3. The Ford Brotherhood of America (claimed by unionists to be a paper outfit) was granted permission to intervene in the hearing.

Act by a number of important anti-labor rulings.

Major disputes have developed around the tendency of the two-man majority of the board to narrow down the collective bargaining unit and to give company-dominated unions a new foothold in industry.

REJECT UNION REQUEST
Early today a new decision by the board hit at Local 11 of the Textile Workers Union in Richmond, Indiana which is seeking certification in the Atlas Underwear Company. The TWU's claim to majority representation is disputed by the Atlas Employees' Council.

The NLRB turned down the contention of the TWU that the election should be held in both of the plants of the Atlas Company in Indiana, and upheld the claim of the company union for a one-plant election in Richmond. Smith dissented from the majority decision.

Labor Board To Hear Ford Firings Case

Issues Complaint Against N. J. Plant of Firm; Hearings April 24

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'Frisco Unions Throw Full Support Behind Bridges

More Than \$5,000 Pours Into Defense Fund; Nearly All CIO Organizations Pledge Aid in Fight on Persecution

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—Union labor in San Francisco has thrown the full weight of its support behind the defense of Harry Bridges and already more than \$5,000 has poured in from members and locals of the CIO here, it was announced yesterday by Henry Schmidt, Chairman of the Bridges Defense Committee of the San Francisco CIO Council.

Swelling the total past the \$5,000 mark were such contributions as \$1,500 from the Longshoremen's Union, Local 1-10, ILWU; a pledge of \$25 a week for the duration of the case from the Marine Cooks and Stewards Union; a one dollar assessment per member voted by the Ship Scalers Union, Local 1-2, ILWU, and collection of hundreds of dollars from crew members of ships at sea.

Nearly every CIO union in San Francisco has pledged its aid to the Bridges Committee, Schmidt said. Delegates from each union are serving on the committee as elected representatives of their full memberships.

"We of the CIO," declared Schmidt in a statement, "are united behind Harry Bridges because we realize only too well that his persecution by the government on charges already disproved represents an attack on union labor throughout America. The trial is another attempt to weaken the labor movement under the hysteria of national defense and the drive for greater war profits."

The Bridges campaign is being carried on Schmidt explained, by means of printed donation sheets, "Bridges Defense Stamps" in \$1, \$2 and \$5 denominations, and buttons bearing the slogan "Defend Bridges, Defend Labor."

Lynn 'G.E.' Workers Jam Wage Rally

Notify Company That Action Will Be Taken If Demands Not Met

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LYNN, Mass., March 27.—Two thousand workers of the General Electric plant here jammed a mass meeting, while 1,000 more stood of the streets unable to get seats, as the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, CIO, pushed its demands for a ten cent hourly general wage increase.

A telegram, sent to the company, stated that the company's increased profits and the general wage trends entitled the workers to the proposed wage increase. Inasmuch as the company, at a conference held ten days ago, refused to meet the terms, the telegram added that if an unsatisfactory answer is received by April 9, the employees "will be obliged to use other forms of protest."

The meeting also demanded the elimination of the "community survey," a system by which the company strikes an average wage for the area in determining pay increases. The workers, members of Local 201, contended that the company, in compiling wage averages, omitted well paid groups as those in the Navy Yard and other places employing skilled labor.

Iowa Packers Strike Gets Pledges of Aid

1,500 Continue Picketing of Wilson Plant, 2,000 Hold Rally

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, March 27.—The Wilson Co. packing plant remained closed here today as 1,500 strikers continued picketing for wage increases and improvement of working conditions.

Meanwhile a strike rally of 2,000 workers and their wives strengthened the strikers ranks and was given further impetus toward victory when pledges of support were received from all packing plants in the Mid-West.

Over 97 per cent of the workers in the Wilson plant here are members of the CIO Packinghouse Organizing Committee and the plant has been organized since the CIO entered this industry several years ago. The Wilson workers have been working under a CIO contract here.

Otto Carstens, business agent of the local said that the Wilson walkout is expected to aid the struggle of the Armour workers who are now negotiating for a national contract. The Wilson strike is the first major walkout of the packinghouse workers in Iowa since the Sioux City strike two years ago.



HARRY BRIDGES

Thieves, Gangsters Are Dies Witnesses, NMU Says

Curran Letter to Congressmen Accuses Witnesses of Being 'Petty Thieves and Expelled Members With Axe to Grind,' Assails Lies

Dies Committee testimony with respect to the National Maritime Union comes mainly from "petty thieves, gangsters and expelled members of the Union with axes to grind, all willing to lie for personal gain," Congressmen were told yesterday.

In a letter personally by NMU President Joseph Curran, members of the House were told that the Dies Committee "is biased and working solely to destroy legitimate labor unions—instead of ferreting out real un-American activities."

Dies charge that the NMU is preparing to call a general strike in case Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, is deported were ridiculed by Curran.

"The NMU Constitution calls for a secret referendum vote of all members before a strike can be called," the letter said.

Dies Committee witnesses who have testified with respect to the NMU have all seen former members, expelled by the union membership for labor spy activities in

the pay of the shipowners. These, the union charged, witnesses and others (all connected with the labor spy gang) who have admitted given "information" to the Dies Committee are as follows:

Peter Innes, who refused to stand trial for mishandling union funds;

William C. McCusick, recently tried in New Orleans for murder of an NMU official;

Jerome Medeiros, alias King, now serving a 2 1/2 to 10 year sentence for killing an NMU rank and file member;

Arthur Thomas, now awaiting sentence in New Orleans for perjury;

Frederick C. Phillips, a dupe of the labor spy gang; and

Walter Carney, now serving a sentence in Sing Sing growing out of his theft of union funds.

Retail Locals Fight for Democracy Within Union

Workers Correspondence Department:

Two weeks ago the members of the Retail Dry Goods Employees Union, Local 1102, CIO, went to the polls to elect their officials for the coming year.

Max Plaskow, rank and file leader for many years headed one slate, while Jerry Kaplan, present business agent, headed the other.

The most significant feature of the campaign was the sharp contrast between the programs of the contestants. Plaskow and the candidates running on his ticket were pledged to 1) building the union; 2) enforcement of all contracts; 3) organization of the unorganized; 4) involvement of the membership in all the union's functions and activities; 5) elimination of the factionalism that is dividing and weakening the union.

The campaign conducted by the so-called "Progressive Club," led by Kaplan would have brought joy to the heart of any union-buster. If this serves as an indication of the activities to be carried out by the new administration, the membership must act to halt it before it starts.

The members of the union are interested in obtaining the maximum benefits under the contracts and improving their conditions of work. The election, meanwhile, is over and the new administration took over the affairs of the union on March 27. This, however, does not mean that the program of the Committee for a United Union, is a dead letter.

FIGHT FOR PROGRAM

The contrary is true. What with prices going up, assaults upon the labor movement growing, the drive toward war gaining, it becomes the duty of every member to put this program into effect despite the opposition of the red-baiters and splitters. In order to do this, each member of the union will have to do the following: set up organizing committees in the section in which you work to organize the non-union shops; attend and take part in union meetings; organize action committees to enforce the contract in each section of the union; participate in all committees; make the union take action in the fight for peace and a better life for its members.

Meanwhile, one of the biggest problems facing some locals of the URWEA is the attitude of some officials toward the unemployment problem. Some of these leaders pretend to fill their time fighting proposals of the rank and file instead of fighting to end the jobless problem, or at least alleviate it.

Many members of Local 338, Grocery and Fruit Clerks, have aired this question and its counterpart

TWU Executive Board to Meet On Contracts

Atlantic City Session to Fix Demands of Subway Workers

The International Executive Board of the Transport Workers' Union of America, CIO, will hold a special two-day meeting commencing Saturday at the Hotel President in Atlantic City, John Santo, international secretary-treasurer, announced yesterday.

Demands for wage increases and other improved working conditions and other policies in connection with the termination within the next three months of many TWU contracts in various sections of the country will be formulated at the two-day session, Mr. Santo said.

Major interest will be centered on the expiration of contracts covering more than 30,000 subway, elevated, trolley and bus employees in Greater New York. Of primary concern will be the International Executive Board's decisions affecting TWU contracts covering 27,000 transit workers on the city-owned IRT and BMT system in New York City and the contract covering 3,500 trolley and bus workers on the Third Avenue Railway System.

SEEK ONE PACT

Besides its contracts covering BMT and IRT employees, the TWU represents the overwhelming majority of the 6,000 employees of the Independent (8th Ave.) division of the city subways system and will seek to incorporate wage and working conditions covering all 33,000 municipal transit workers into one agreement with the city.

The Third Avenue Railway System contract and agreements with the city for BMT and IRT workers expire simultaneously on June 30.

A report on the victorious TWU strike against the New York City Omnibus and Fifth Avenue Coach companies in New York, recently concluded, will be made to the Board by Austin Hogan, president of the TWU's Greater New York Local 100.

Reports on contract negotiations and organizing drives in other sections of the country will be received from TWU international representatives.

Strike of 1,460 Closes Largest Men's Hose Mill

MARTINSBURG, Va., March 27 (AP).—The nation's largest men's hosiery mill, situated 20 miles below the Mason-Dixon line in the eastern corner of West Virginia, was closed down March 24 by a strike of 1,460 workers.

Only 40 employees of the Interwoven Stocking Co., manufacturer of one of the best-known market brands, crossed a mass picket line of the American Federation of Hosiery Workers (CIO).

The walkout was called after a breakdown in negotiations. The union demanded a 10 per cent wage increase, preferential shop, straight seniority, and a week's vacation.

Textile Union Wins Demands After Strike

The Textile Workers Union of America, CIO, yesterday announced the signing of a closed-shop agreement with the Beacon Cut Products Co., following a one week strike.

The contract, which will run for a year, provides for wages increases of approximately \$3 a week; an 8-hour day, 45-hour, 5-day week, with overtime after 8 hours, and five holidays with pay each year.

Hillman and Aides Go ALCOA Another Good Turn, Story of the Deception of Aluminum Workers

By George Morris

(Special to the Daily Worker)

EDGEWATER, N. J., March 27.—Sidney Hillman favored the aluminum trust with another good turn, this time at the special expense of the 3,000 employees of Alcoa here.

After a ten-day strike the workers are back at work, dissatisfaction running rife, with energy which should be unitedly thrown against the trust, being dissipated in internal argument.

Mr. Hillman couldn't have managed it better to suit the Mellon interests.

All the local's negotiating committee brought from Washington was Hillman's proposal that the workers return to work, and his promise that he would use his "influence" to obtain something for the workers in subsequent negotiations.

The workers demanded a 10 cents an hour wage increase and time and one half for overtime and Sunday. A Social Democratic promise (which means about zero) is all they obtained.

THE ART OF DECEPTION

One of Hillman's earliest accomplishments as "labor" member on President Roosevelt's National Defense Commission, was to save the Aluminum trust from the embarrassment of a general strike last fall at the cost of only two cents an hour. The men asked 10

As expert as Mr. Hillman is in the art of deceiving workers, without his man Friday, the "socialist" Nicholas Zonari, general President of the Aluminum Workers of America, he would not have succeeded.

Last Saturday's meeting where a back-to-work vote was railroaded through, followed several earlier efforts to obtain the same purpose. But they were unsuccessful because in Edgewater's Local 16, Aluminum Workers, CIO, there is a strong Rank and File current. Local 16 refused to sign the "two-cent" contract last fall by an overwhelming vote, despite the pleas of Zonari, the strike was called over Zonari's opposition. Encouraged by the attitude of the union's international President, Alcoa refused to yield a cent to the strikers. Negotiations first at Edgewater then at Pittsburgh were only for wear-out purposes.

DEFENSE CAMOUFLAGE

Then came the clinching moment, on Thursday, March 20, when "negotiations" were shifted to Washington. There Hillman told the local's committee that if the workers return and take their grievances in "regular order" he would aid them. Zonari went along with the local negotiating committee to Edgewater where he addressed the strike meeting and there drew out his knife—the declaration that the international office will not support the strike.

A third factor was the entrance into the situation of Hillman's New Jersey man, Irving Abramson, who holds the presidency of the State Industrial Union Council. He pleaded on the claim that national "defense" was threatened and put the issue as one of being "patriotic" or against national "defense."

Zonari added that:

"This is merely the first test of the union returning to work after a strike in answer to an appeal from the OPM." It remains to be seen he said "how the company shows its responsibility."

Alcoa's responsibility was already shown. It would rather keep the "defense" factories closed than part with a few cents more an hour.

Another inducement to return to work which Zonari threw out, was a promise for joint action of all the locals of the International union for an increase next contract negotiations which are due in November. The Edgewater workers did not get any increase when the last contract negotiations took place. This was another way of telling them that for the present contract they can kiss a raise good-bye.

With this stand by the union's officials, Alcoa has a green light to do as it pleases. This is expected to take the form in discrimination against active union workers on seniority standing—signs of which

have already appeared—and like steps to weaken the organization by next November when new talks take place. This situation is all the more serious because the union does not hold a closed shop contract, with many, especially the large number of the newly hired men still not in the union.

For several days it appeared that the strike here would be a rallying center for nationwide action against the Aluminum trust. Telegrams of support came from a number of locals of the union in which it was expressed that the entire union looks with hope on the fight of the Edgewater workers.

Another by-product of the outcome was development of internal dissatisfaction among the rank and file over the conduct of the local's leaders. They are charged with telling the members at the outset of the strike that the international office would support the walkout, who later learned from Zonari's lips the exact opposite.

Yet this is the time when unity in the union is most necessary if the organization's strength is to be preserved for the coming period. It will certainly be needed to combat the sniping activities of Alcoa's management.

One thing is quite evident; the members of Local 16 have learned that Social Democrats in office at Washington and in their international union, costs them plenty.



Headed for City Hall yesterday were 500 Whelan chain store strikers, who intended to picket Mayor LaGuardia in protest against the Mayor's refusal to take a stand on the offer of Local 1199, leading the walkout, to arbitrate the issues involved. The picketing was called off when the Mayor, through Allan Haywood, CIO national director, agreed to confer with the union. Leon Davis, Local 1199 general organizer, led the four-block long parade.

—Daily Worker Photo

Mayor Agrees To Meet With Whelan Union

Strikers Halt Plan to Picket City Hall After Promise

Saul Mills, secretary-treasurer of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council, announced last night that officers of 20 of New York's largest CIO unions will hold a conference at the Council's office, 1133 Broadway, 3 P.M. today, to formulate plans for greater support behind the 800 striking workers of the Whelan drug chain.

Striking Whelan store employees, 800 strong, paraded through the streets here yesterday to City Hall where they intended to picket Mayor LaGuardia until last minute word that the Mayor had agreed to confer with the union early next week.

The strikers, members of Local 1199 Retail Drug Store Employees, began their parade down Broadway to City Hall yesterday morning following a mass rally at which they voted unanimously to reject "offers" of the Whelan chain to settle the walkout on an open-shop basis.

Purpose of the scheduled picketing of City Hall, strike officials said, was to demand that the Mayor take a stand on the union's offer, which it has had from the beginning of the strike, to submit all the issues to arbitration.

Leon Davis, general organizer of the local, in commenting on the calling off of the picketing of City Hall said: "We called off the demonstration today on advice of Allan Haywood, who had contacted the Mayor and had received the Mayor's word that he would meet with him and union officials on the strike."

Carol to Fly Here

LISBON, Portugal, March 27 (UP).—Former King Carol of Rumania, his mistress, Magda Lupescu and three companions will fly to New York by Pan-American Clipper within the next three weeks, en route to Santiago, Chile to live, it was learned today.

State C. P. Urges Quick Action to Kill Devaney Bill

Calling the Hampton-Devaney Bill an "opening wedge for the establishment of a War Party dictatorship in the State of New York," the New York State Committee of the Communist Party yesterday called for quick and decisive action by labor, progressives, civic and fraternal groups to defeat the measure which the state-

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An "all-out" attack against the democratic rights of the people—the Hampton-Devaney bill—is being jammed through the New York State Legislature which is scheduled to adjourn April 3. This bill has been condemned as destructive of the Constitution and representative government.

In spite of the protests of labor and civic groups, such as the City Club, the Citizens Union, the New York Conference for Inalienable Rights, the League of Women Voters and the National Lawyers Guild, the legislative leaders did not even grant a public hearing.

In the last election campaign, President Roosevelt paid lip service to free elections: "... As long as periodic free elections survive, no set of people can deny the right to vote to any other set. In the maintenance of free elections rests the complete and enduring safety of our government."

Hiding behind such phrases as advocacy of "sabotage, force and violence, sedition or treason against the government of the United States or of this state," the Hampton-Devaney bill can be used against any political party or group which is not in total agreement with the party in power. By placing under a ban any organization which is "directly or indirectly affiliated by any means whatsoever" with "subversive" organizations, the bill creates a dragnet that can be used against any progressive group. By including in the ban any "branch or affiliate of any foreign organization," it strikes

Textile Union Strikes Utica Mill; 2,000 Out

CIO Workers Hold Mass Picket Lines; Seabs Injure Strikers

(Special to the Daily Worker)

UTICA, N. Y., March 27.—Close to 2,000 textile workers from the State and Broad Street plants of the Utica and Mohawk Cotton Mills have responded to a strike call issued by the Textile Workers Union, CIO.

Both plants are closed down with as many as 500 persons taking part in mass picket marches daily. Visits to the picket lines of both plants show that less than 25 workers out of the normally employed 2,000 went to work.

The strike was called after unsuccessful attempts to get the company to agree to an election to determine collective bargaining rights for the union. The union is demanding recognition, one week paid vacation and a 15 per cent increase in wages.

On Tuesday, strikebreakers armed with hammers, and in one case a knife, attacked workers on the picket line at the Broad St. plant. Several women strikers were injured. The union's first answer to this was a mass demonstration and a picket line of hundreds. Officials for the union notified the company that their next answer to such outbreaks of violence on the part of professional strikebreakers would be met with a labor holiday of all fourteen locals of the union under the Utica Joint Board's jurisdiction. This would bring some 4,000 additional unionists into protest.

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The Crisis In Yugoslavia

Behind the events which come in rapid-fire succession from Yugoslavia one factor stands forth—this is the seething activity of the Yugoslavian masses who are determined not to be dragged into the war on either side.

The fires of the Anglo-U. S.-German rivalry have already crossed the borders of Bulgaria, Greece, Rumania. The Yugoslavian masses have watched this flame approach them. They want to stay out of it. They refuse to be accommodated into the so-called "New Order" of Hitler! They refuse equally to be driven, as Greece was driven, into the arms of one side in order to escape the other. They don't want to be a battlefield in which the "large powers" settle their bloody quarrels.

Various imperialist groups are seeking to manipulate this mass hatred of the Nazi "New Order" for the benefit of London. Up at the top, in the Yugoslav monarchist cliques there is a difference of opinion as to which imperialist Yugoslavia shall be sold to—Germany or London. There is a frantic bidding going on. But the Yugoslav masses yearn for just one simple thing—neutrality and peace.

The Yugoslavian events only add new confirmation to the tremendous truth which the Soviet Union uttered in its recent note to the Bulgarian Government after that Government flouted the will of its people and rejected a policy of neutrality for a policy of accommodation to one of the belligerents. The truth is that it is not peace but war which "choosing" sides results in.

Once again, the firm neutrality of the Soviet Union's position stands forth as embodying not only its own interests but the interests of all the Balkan peoples who also yearn for peace and national independence. The news reports from Yugoslavia indicate that the people of that country are not at all unmindful of this position of the Soviet Union.

As the fires of the war spread new horror to new victims, they will give new attention to the liberating force of the Soviet Union's peace policy. The admiration which it excites among the war-torn peoples of the Balkans will certainly increase.

Col. Donovan Launches A Trial Balloon

The button has been pushed and the next stage has begun in the campaign to push the country into the trenches. Col. Donovan, President Roosevelt's diplomatic messenger, has just launched the trial balloon concerning U. S. convoys.

Roosevelt himself gave the first hint of convoys with his "bridge of ships" pledge; that was why he opposed any HR 1776 amendment banning convoys. Now comes Donovan, fresh from his efforts to drag the Balkan nations into the Anglo-American war alliance and takes up the hue and cry.

Senator Glass, 50 years over the draft age, doesn't bother to disguise what convoys will mean. "Let's shoot," he cried yesterday. That is exactly what convoys will mean to the United States—the "shooting stage" in the process of our steadily deepening involvement.

It is quite clear that the people have been systematically deceived on the real goal of the various steps of foreign policy. Each step was promised as a way to "keep war away from America." But these various steps—the Destroyer deal, the "short of war" promise—have led fatally to the latest development, the establishment of armed naval convoys for shipments to Britain.

Such convoys would mean only one thing—military involvement in the war. The nation does not want this. It wants peace. "No convoys" is the latest demand which the people must insist upon in their efforts to get America out of the war and to keep it out.

Willkie Goes to Work on Canada

Willkie went over to Ireland to hurry the Irish into war in which they have no interest, and now he is performing the same kind of job in Canada.

The man who in November pretended anger at those who plot war for America now waves his hands at the Canadian people urging them to be more enthusiastic about dying.

For it seems that the Canadian people are NOT in the least bit enthusiastic about another useless demise on the battlefields.

The Canadian Government has swept a

reign of political terrorism all over Canada, gagging everyone's mouth, raiding halls, and setting up concentration camps. Profiteering is rife while wages sink lower.

As our Canadian correspondent on Sunday reported, the Canadian people are discovering that in the name of "fighting Nazism" some place else, Canadian Nazism is taking control of Canada for the glory of the Canadian bankers and munition makers (who incidentally charge the British Empire strictly business prices for all purchases).

The trick seems to be to whip up Canada for the war by misinforming them about America, and by doing the same thing in the U. S. concerning the anti-war feelings in Canada and England. In this way, the peoples of all countries are betrayed into the mess. Neither a Willkie nor a Halifax can sell the war very well within his own bailiwick. He has to try it where the people presumably don't know him so well.

What About Jobs for The 9 Million

If one believed the commercial press, unemployment—that perennial evil of capitalism—has vanished. It has been swallowed up by the so-called "job boom" about which government officials and the newspaper publishers prate so loudly.

Unemployment is not only still here, it is getting worse. The thing that isn't here is the "job boom." In the last few days, the Workers Alliance issued a statement pointing out that the number of jobless approaches nine million, while there was an increase of unemployment in January alone of 729,000. The Roosevelt Administration, trying to destroy WPA, has cut it to a new low of one million jobs. And while able-bodied Americans wanting work are caught between the devil and the deep blue sea, corporation profits in 1940 totalled five billion dollars, the highest since the stock market crash of 1929.

Relief is being slashed on all sides—from Washington to state and city governments—in the name of "defense." Food, rent and other living costs are soaring. Plainly the need of the people is for work, not an imperialist war in which the country gains nothing, except preparation for a new and more terrifying crisis.

Administration officials talk glibly about a "post-war" employment program, but the workers insist upon jobs now, adequate relief and a chance to make a decent existence. In its staunch fight for the needs of the unemployed, the Workers Alliance should receive the support of ever larger numbers of the trade unions and the general public.

Both Sides Are Enemies Of the Jewish People

When Dr. Chaim Weizmann, the Zionist leader, issues a call for a "Jewish army," it is plain that he's doing a service for British imperialism, and a grave disservice to the Jewish people.

As a travelling agent for the Churchill regime, he is out to whip up support for the senseless European conflict, and to turn the hatred of the Jewish people for Hitler into channels which will serve the imperialist interests of the Empire.

Dr. Weizmann pretends that British imperialism is a friend of the Jewish people. But the empire never has been concerned about the persecution of the Jewish people by Hitler, the Polish Colonels or any other anti-Semitic forces. It took no steps to prevent this barbarism, but, on the contrary, assisted Hitler by turning over to him Czechoslovakia and other countries with large Jewish populations.

Even Dr. Weizmann, in his speech Wednesday evening, admits the treacheries of British imperialism in Palestine, although he tries to whitewash them by calling Palestine a "remarkable success" for the Jewish people.

Is it a "remarkable success" that there are concentration camps in Palestine, containing thousands of Jewish people? Is it a "success" that British imperialism maintains immigration restrictions in this supposed "homeland," while anti-Semitic Polish colonels are admitted freely? Is it a "success" that there are now 196 graves of Jewish victims of the terrible ship tragedy, when the Patria went down after Jewish refugees had been barred from Haifa? Is it a "success" that British imperialism incites Arab against Jew, and has maintained the White Paper discrimination for the last 24 years?

The Jewish people will remember the last war when there was a Jewish army in Palestine under Lord Allenby and when American Jews returned disillusioned after feeling the cloven hoof of British imperialism. The Jewish people stand on the side of peace and progress against all imperialisms—British, Nazi or Yankee. They see already the disturbing increase in anti-Semitism in America, under the impetus of President Roosevelt's imperialist "defense" program.

Jewish Americans have shown that they can distinguish between democracy, peace and freedom on one hand, and the siren war calls of a paid agent of the Crown, on the other.



The Dilemma of the Grand Coulee

It's most interesting to observe the meditations of the New York Herald Tribune on the Grand Coulee Dam.

This great public works in the state of Washington, which has just begun to function officially, is "one of the greatest engineering feats in the world," the newspaper asserts. Its "superlatives in size" are enough to stagger the imagination of an author of "Horatio Alger" tales.

The Herald Tribune lists some of these "superlatives," including "the height of the dam will be two and a half times the height of Niagara; it will permit enough water to flow over the dam each year to provide New York City with water for a century."

But the very immensity of this engineering accomplishment causes the Herald Tribune to shake its head, and to express grave "doubt" as to its "true usefulness." For one thing:

"So much greater is its potential production of electric power than any demand which is likely to arise for many years that it is difficult to justify it as a power project."

For another thing: "The total number of arable acres of desert land that will be

brought within reach of its irrigation ditches represents only a small fraction of the already overproducing farm land of the United States." (The emphases in both cases are ours.)

This big organ of monopoly capitalism, to put it bluntly, regrets that more arable land is being wrested from the desert in the United States. Since our present farm land is "overproducing" (because of the capitalist cutting down of the farmer's market through low wages), monopoly capitalism would much prefer evidently to see the extension of the desert further over America.

The Grand Coulee Dam will also produce "too much electric power" for the pocket-books of the people under the capitalist set-up. Ergo, rather than increasing the purchasing power of the people, there are "grave doubts" that electric power should be put within their reach at all.

In the dilemma of the Grand Coulee, there is furnished an exhibit of the dilemma of capitalism in America. It has built mighty industrial enterprises, but withholds their fruits from the people. The dilemma of the Grand Coulee is one more signal for the urgency of Socialism in our America.

Letters from Our Readers

"We Are the People and We Are Many"

Des Moines, Iowa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

March 22 is a day we of Des Moines shall never forget. We met with the truest fighter of our age. In Mother Bloor is the very personification of change from the old worn order of capitalism to a true and just expression of government of the people through Socialism.

For all of her seventy-eight years she is young, sincere and fearless as our youth who that evening sat at the feet of our beloved mother.

Yes, she is our mother. She has the hopes and desires of each of us in her heart. As she spoke to us seated about her was a part of us in our struggles in the movement for which we have dedicated our life and our every effort. To have met Mother Bloor has instilled even greater in our hearts and minds the proposition that we shall know the bounty of our labors.

Comrade Browder has gone to prison and on every hand suppression and subjugation seeks to still our very voices which call for change in their every breath. We are many and we know Mother Bloor is and shall always be one of us.

Mother Bloor to you we say we are the better in spirit and resolution that tomorrow belongs to us; we are the people and we are many.

K. G. P.

Visitor to Canada Notes Instances Of Militant Anti-War Spirit

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The article I read in the March 24 "Daily" by Sam Carr, about the mounting struggle of the Canadian people against war, interested me greatly, as I have just returned from a short trip to Canada,

where I noted certain evidences of this militant anti-war spirit. In fact, I have a newspaper clipping which has reference to the aftermath in the Canadian Parliament session in Ottawa, of that same bold speech of the fighting woman M. P. from Saskatchewan, Mrs. Doris Nielson, which is cited in Carr's article. It serves to show that the rising resentment of the Canadian people at the hardships and the increasingly oppressive dictatorial measures they are having to endure is finding a voice even in the halls of Parliament itself, despite the "Gestapo-like methods" of the war-Government of Canada which Mrs. Nielson protests so vigorously against.

Of course, just as in the United States today, the cry of "Communist!" is raised against all those who are fighting for the interests of the common people, the farmers and the workers of both countries, against the war-makers and the profiteers. But no more than the "fighting Irish" of the Transport Workers' Union in the recent bus strike were intimidated when they found themselves being called "Communists" by the Dies Committee and the newspapers when they stood up to fight for their rights and living standards, are the militant workers and farmers of Canada going to be uncoiled or brow-beaten into submission by that same red scare! And it is the indomitable fighting spirit of those same workers and farmers who are her constituents that Mrs. Nielson gives voice to, when she warns Parliament that "If this Canadian version of the Gestapo continues I think the Government will have to answer to the Canadian people before long!"

Let our own red-baiters and war-mongers and labor-haters, our Dies Committees and Rapp-Coudert witch-hunters, take warning, and remember that they too will have to answer to an aroused American people, who today are serving notice, by the rising mili-

Philippine C.P. Mayors Propose Island Reforms

(By International News)

MANILA, Philippine Islands (By Mail).—A convention of the eight Communist mayors of Pampanga Province recently went on record for the right of the people "irrespective of wealth and social position" to possess arms, for introducing trial by jury in the Philippines, for repeal of the present law on bail so as to prevent the lengthy detention of the poor, and for universal suffrage.

The Communist Mayors decided to hold a convention of their own because the mayors of the majority party systematically blocked all the resolutions presented by the Communist Mayors at the recent Mayors' Convention, dominated by the reactionary Governor Balyout.

Among the resolutions passed by the Communist Mayors were the following:

1. To request the President of the Commonwealth of the Philippines to amend, by Executive Order, the present firearm regulation so as to permit all the people irrespective of wealth and social position, to possess firearms, subject only to reasonable limitations. The undersigned Communist Mayors have decided to pass this resolution, firstly, because it is more democratic to extend this privilege to workers and peasants, and secondly, because, as a matter of national policy, all the people should now be trained to use firearms since the country is in danger of invasion and the Philippine Army, as at present constituted, cannot alone be expected to defend the country from such an invasion.

2. To protest against the abolition of municipal police units and their replacement with provincial police appointed by the reactionary provincial Governor.

3. To protest against making nine years the earliest age at which children can be enrolled in public schools. This would mean that the children of the poor would have no schooling, since at nine years of age they are already at work in the fields.

4. To request the President to open all public rivers which have been converted into fish ponds by the landowners so as to avoid floods which invariably visit the province every year and so as to permit the people to fish in these rivers.

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5. For more power to the local government, particularly in the matter of taxation.

6. To protest vigorously against any plan to make the positions of provincial governors and municipal mayors appointive on the ground that such a plan would be a direct blow against the basis of democracy in the Philippine Islands.

7. To protest against the forcible transfer of workers and peasants from one section of the Islands to another.

8. To introduce the system of trial by jury in the Philippines.

9. To grant to the people the right of universal suffrage—all our people, irrespective of whether they know how to read and write, should be given a voice in the choice of their public officials.

10. To request the Secretary of Justice to recommend the repeal of the present law on bail so that all persons accused of any crime may not be detained for a period longer than is absolutely necessary to obtain his personal record, and until finally convicted or found guilty by competent courts. As it is now, rich persons who have money or property do not enter jails until convicted, whereas poor people remain locked in jail for months for failure to put up the necessary bail. This is manifestly unfair and undemocratic as well as a ground for the growing discontent of our people.

Signing the resolution were Vivencio Cuyusan, Mayor of San Fernando; Casto Alejandrino, Mayor of Arayat; Virgilio Ocampo, Mayor of Mabalacat; Eliseo Gelang, Mayor of Candaba; Asapito Del Rosario, Mayor of Angeles; Fernandio Sampang, Mayor of Mexico; Benigno Layug, Mayor of Floridablanca; Patrocinio Yabut, Mayor of San Simon.

LANDOWNERS IN PHILIPPINES FIGHT IRRIGATION SYSTEM

A group of landowners from Bulacan are fighting the construction of irrigation systems in the Philippine Islands on the grounds that it will result in over-production of rice.

The Philippine people and especially the peasants are incensed against the landowners for they have not forgotten the severe drought that destroyed the rice crop in Central Luzon last year and the starvation that followed in its wake.

So staggering were the crop failures due to the lack of rain that two Assemblymen have proposed the creation of a revolving fund of twenty million pesos for the construction and maintenance of irrigation systems all over the Philippines.

The landowners of Bulacan are fighting this appropriation out of fear that an irrigation system in the Philippines will eat into their profits.

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lancy of their protest and their struggles on the labor-front and the peace-front, by the swelling tide of strikes and picket-lines and demonstrations, that they refuse to be led blindly like lambs to the slaughter!

A great and growing host of workers and farmers and yes, professional people like myself, good Americans all who are ready to fight here at home to preserve our constitutional rights to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness," but who prefer not to be sent abroad to be shot down in an imperialist war, are grateful to the "Daily Worker" (and daily grateful!) for continuing to live, to fight and to lift its mighty voice on our behalf, demanding peace, freedom and plenty for all! We could not do without you—you are doing a splendid job, more power to you!

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Make it a Habit!

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I feel that the Daily Worker should have double its circulation of today. All those who actively sympathize with the paper should make a slight effort toward increasing its circulation.

The average worker is sympathetic to the Daily Worker. He would read it if it were placed in his hands.

Every sympathizer of the Daily and Sunday Worker should make it a habit of getting one or two additional copies every day or as often as possible and bring them over to his friends in the shops or in the neighborhoods and explain to these friends the significance of a working class paper.

The capitalist press is literally swindling the public with comics with which they distract the attention of the readers from the real issues of the day.

M. C.

FLOOD OF PROTESTS ON EXPULSION OF SEVEN STUDENTS FORCES NYU DEAN TO 'EXPLAIN'

Form Letter Sent; Negro Stars Blast False Statement

Hagens, Lawyer Deny Ever Speaking to Head of Disciplinary Committee—Wisconsin Students, Faculty Protested to Badger at NCAA Games

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track star of the NYU team. They wrote on March 3:

"We have never seen Dean McGowan or Mr. Axworthy in our lives, particularly regarding Catholic University."

The seven students were tried individually and in secret on March 10 before Dean Baltz's committee. They were allowed no witnesses, no counsel, parent or friend, although there were two employees of the University to testify AGAINST them. The members of the committee themselves acted as prosecuting attorneys, judge and jury. Students engaged in a sit-down strike in the halls for an open hearing, receiving support from labor and liberal organizations, religious and Negro groups. Their request was denied.

The caliber of this academic inquisition against free expression and democracy in sports is best revealed by the writings of Dean Baltz in the Washington Square Bulletin of March 20, in which he said:

"No friend of the colored people would play with such dynamite as is involved in raising this issue of discrimination against Negroes at NYU—ed. . . . It is a well known part of the policy of communist organizations."

ANTI-NEGRO POLICY

Revealing the basic anti-Negro and anti-democratic nature of the NYU administration heads, Dean Baltz, according to a sworn affidavit, said:

"I don't like the Negroes smell. I think they have a peculiar odor."

Professor Tanper speaking for the administration, told a student delegation flatly:

"It is our privilege to take colored athletes off the team."

And Athletic Director Phillip Badger told a student delegation:

"If a white girl doesn't want to sit next to a Negro student it is her privilege to move."

Among the organizations that have condemned the fascist-like cracking down on students who dared to protest this blatant Jim Crow policy are the American Law Students Association, the Teachers Union, the faculty of Sarah Law-

rence College, Jewish People's Committee, Vassar Phi Beta Kappa, Harvard Phi Beta Kappa and innumerable labor organizations and student groups from other colleges.

Also included in the storm of protests pouring into NYU since the discriminatory athletic policy was revealed have been petitions from 37 colleges and high schools, including North Carolina and Alabama; the complete basketball team of CCNY, the football team of Holy

7 Present Case At Harvard Congress

The seven NYU student leaders expelled for protesting against Jim Crow will present their case to the Harvard Congress for Democracy in Education convention this weekend. All seven are students in high standing. Three were presidents of student organizations. All have refused to renounce the fight against NYU's Jim Crow policy for which they were expelled.

Cross University and Georgetown of Washington, D. C., the basketball team and coach of North Carolina U., and such individuals as Albert Maltz, novelist and NYU instructor, and William Blake, novelist.

It was also learned by the Daily Worker yesterday that on the recent occasion of the National Collegiate Association basketball games played at the University of Wisconsin, at which Badger of NYU was present, seventeen members of the Wisconsin faculty and the student University League for Liberal Action issued a leaflet of protest against NYU's Jim Crow policy and the expulsion of the seven student leaders.

Wisconsin two years ago refused to take part in a track meet at the University of Missouri in which a Negro member of its team was not invited along with the rest.

In the leaflet distributed to the thousands at the Wisconsin game it was stated, in part:

"Today more than ever before Jim Crow discrimination must be fought. The principle of divide and rule is being invoked to break our democratic traditions and to eliminate progressive movements."

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GIANT HOMERS AGAIN BEAT REDS, 6-3

McCarthy, Demaree and Wittek Connect; Hub Hurls

Now if they only can do it when it counts! The Giants yesterday humbled the world championship Reds 6-3 for the second straight day, with home runs over the short Miami fence accounting for most of the winning tallies.

McCarthy, Wittek and Demaree each hit one. Junior Thompson and Joe Begg were the Red hurlers who suffered the circuit swats. Carl Hubbell unbent his ancient left arm for six fair innings in which he yielded three runs. Rookie Ace Adams breezed through the final three untouched.

Hanks' Homers Beat Dodgers

Big bats boomed yesterday as the "B" squad of the Dodgers met the Tigers in a grapefruit league game, but the Tigers' boomed a little louder and the American League champions made off with a 10-6 victory over the self-proclaimed champs - to be of the National League.

Hank Greenberg socked two out of the park and Rudy York connected for one. Hank's second came with two down and the score tied in the last half of the ninth to end the game.

Luke Hamlin went seven innings and was outwitted for nine runs, including a homer by Greenberg and one by York. Rachunok finished and was the victim of the final score.

Buck Newsom went five innings for the Tigers and was banged for five runs in his last frame.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y. — Vince Fratello, 1604, Hackensack, N. J., knocked out Lou Schwartz, 159½, New York (4); Frank Ray, 147, New York, outpointed Jim Grimm, 147, New York (6).

Greenberg Poses for Picture That ISN'T War Picture



HANK GREENBERG, famous Detroit star who is subject to call to draft camp in June, is shown trying his hand at a trotting race. Hank has consistently refused requests to picture him in war inciting military poses.

Labor 5's in Final Title Playoffs Tom'w

Furriers vs. Dep't Store Team, Fur Merchants vs. Striking Drug Clerks for Medals, TUAU Trophy

Tomorrow night is the big night for trade union basketball fans. The playoffs for the championships of the two leagues will be contested, with the Furriers and Department Store quintets tangling for League A honors and the Drug Employees meeting the Fur Merchants for the League B title.

The games will be played at the Central Needle Trades High School gym at 225 W. 24th St., where a good crowd can be accommodated.

Trophies and medals will be awarded to the winning teams, with the Michael Quill trophy emblematic of TUAU basketball supremacy.

Players on these four teams are of exceptional caliber, marking a new high for labor sports. College

KRAUS STAR OF DAILY WORKER SCHOLASTIC '5'

Clinton Star Rated Tops; Boykoff, Woods Selected

Here is our All Scholastic Basketball team for the season recently concluded:

1st TEAM
Fleischman, Erasmus F.
McCarren, Newtown F.
Boykoff, Jefferson C.
Kraus, Clinton G.
Woods, Franklin G.

2nd TEAM
Byrnes, Clinton F.
Frey, Utrecht F.
Gale, Jackson C.
Wanzer, Franklin G.
Lacine, Monroe G.

HONORABLE MENTION: Younger and Wilson, Franklin; Gotkin, Jefferson; Brems, Clinton; Gebhardt, Jackson; Gales, Boys; Meslin, Curtis; Kohler, Monroe; Dente, Erasmus; Halvord, Eastern. I pick Danny Kraus with the least hesitation because I think he's one of the outstanding players in many years. He's the flashiest floorman in the city (can dribble through like Scheetman) an excellent passer and set shot. Defensively he is unmatched.

Sonny Woods just noses out his teammate Bob Wanzer. It's a difficult choice, but Sonny is a finished all-around star. Harry Boykoff just squeezes into the center berth on the basis of his terrific scoring from the pivot. His floor playing is nothing to rave about, but his height and pivot shot make him a must. Fleischman, who was on last year's team, and McCarren, an excellent floorman round out the team.

Kraus is slated for Fordham; Boykoff will probably enroll at LIU; Wanzer seems headed for Seton Hall; Fleischman for NYU, and Woods for either CCNY or LIU.

—LEON PARKER.

Landis Bows To Barrow

Rookies who are to be optioned off can be shunted off even before April 1 as a result of the latest Landis reversal. Previously recruits had to receive the benefit of a full tryout lasting until April 1, but Ed Barrow, Yankee president, pointed out to the Commissioner how much the Bronxites would lose if they were forced to carry the youngsters on the trek north instead of dropping them at St. Petersburg until the deadline. The greenback argument impressed the old judge so much that he reversed himself. In his old age with so many reversals Landis is beginning to look like a whirling dervish.

Reds Break Precedent

Before 1940, no club in baseball history ever rallied from a 4-straight world series defeat to win the pennant the following year. The Cincinnati Reds won their pennant and the world championship, too. So, in shooting for the 1941 gonfalon, the Reds are undeterred by the statistics that three straight in the National League race has not been done since the McGraw Giants had that string of 4, 1921 to 1924.

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USSR Winds up Greatest Winter Sports Season

Millions Won Ski Badges as Mass Participation Left Rest of World Far Behind—Boxing, Wrestling Picked Up

(Ed. Note: We present here the almost miraculous story of the growth of a kind of sports life for all unknown before in the history of mankind. American sports fans, notoriously the keenest of them all, now seeing our sports life being destroyed, will be particularly interested in the record of the growth of sports life in a country right on the borders of the imperialist war.—L. R.)

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MOSCOW, March 27.—Almost regretfully the Soviet citizens from the Finnish border to distant Vladivostok are watching the snows melt and the ice dissolve to close the greatest winter sports season in the history of the socialist state.

Literally millions of youngsters of both sexes are packing their skis, skates and other winter paraphernalia away into Russian equivalents of moth balls where they will lie until Comrade Jack Frost comes swinging down from the Arctic again.

But those millions of pairs of ski wrote a record of sporting achievement into the annals of the country that may wait a long time before they are equalled or surpassed. Out of the six million one hundred and twenty thousand young men and women who entered the events staged by the Komsomol, the USSR Young Communist League, in celebration of the 23rd anniversary of the establishment of the Red Army, five million one hundred thousand or 84.9 per cent successfully won the sports badge awarded to all accomplished enough to skillfully pass the skiing tests. As was to be expected the residents closer to the Arctic belt, the youths of Karelo-Finland, Kirghizia, Byelo-Russia and Leningrad, attained the highest percentage.

For the more adept skimen the Red Army staged nationwide competition which climaxed in the All-Union Title Meet held in Kavgolova, a hilly region near Leningrad, which resembles the Alpine state so closely that it has been dubbed, "the Russian Switzerland." Stars from Sverdlovsk, Archangel, Sortavala, Minsk, Gorky, distant Buriat-Mongolia and the new Soviet Baltic republics competed. The Moscow Dynamo society ran off with the twenty metre trek as Dobryshin and Umayev placed one-two—one time one hour, thirty-two minutes and nineteen seconds for the winner, two minutes later for number 2. Kulakovsk skied off with the women's five kilometre race in the fast time of twenty-seven minutes and forty-four seconds. The boys from Moscow did pretty well and in the jumping contest, Kudrashov soaring 57.5 meters to defeat Andrejev, last year's Torger Tokke.

Probably the most sensational event of the entire meet was the twenty metre race for Red Army men. In full fighting kit the ski soldiers had to surmount several barriers, fling hand grenades accurately while on their skis, and engaged in various target contests. Manzhosov, a trooper station at Moscow, won first place although he did not break the tape. Several other Red Army men crossed the line before him but did not fulfill the other difficult conditions as well. His time was excellent, however, one hour thirty-two minutes and for the hazardous marathon. In a similar five kilometre event with easier conditions for the women Bolotova, Sverdlovsk pride, raced to victory in 24.50 minutes. In the fifty kilometre run for men Rudakov, entry of the Locomotive Sports Society of Moscow, hit the cords first in four hours, three minutes and seven seconds as the ski slides.

Boxing, Wrestling Grow

But the winter season was not exclusively devoted to outdoor sports. Both boxing and wrestling received a huge impetus as a result of the many gymnasiums and indoor arenas springing up in every part of the Soviet territory. At the present moment the entire land is engulfed in a gymnastics tournament which besides, pitting the skilled against each other, is seeking to develop the Soviet duits into gymnasts, adept at the parallel bar, the rings, the horses and acrobatics.

Even more popular were the boxing and wrestling matches engaged in throughout the country. The highlight was the meet between the Moscow Red Army glowers and those of the Dynamo Society from the infant Baltic Soviets. The fights made it possible to test the quality of the Red Army men since the Estonians had engaged in fights throughout Europe while the Red Army boys had stayed at home for the obvious reason which kept them and other Soviet athletes behind during previous Olympics. Anton Raadik, of Tallinn, Estonia, former, middleweight champion of Europe, was the only fighter on the Baltic squad to win two points, stopping Ganikin on a technical knee in the third. This reversed a previous verdict in which Ganikin had beaten the Estonian lad. In other contests the Baltic boxers were no match for the Red Army sluggers. Even Klabi, a featherweight veteran of 200 ring battles and six times running champion of Estonia, succumbed to the class skill of Osipov. Klabi faded fast in the later rounds after stepping a fast pace in the early cantos.

Red Army Fighters Beat Estonian Ex-Pros

In the welterweight scuffle Yegorov took Knizis of Latvia rather easily while in the fiercest encounter of the day, Stein, lightweight champion of the USSR, had a tough time to eke out a decision over Kaneppi, an Estonian topnotcher. The heavyweight bout was close also but Stepanov knew too much for Liinajagi, Estonia, to earn the referee's nod. If they showing against the class of the Baltics is any indication the Red Army maulers can square off with anybody and that includes those western Golden Glove champions. In fact it is not too bad an idea that a good-will match be arranged as was done years ago with the fascist boxers of II Duces.

In the Georgian republic, birthplace of Stalin, the emphasis was on wrestling. From time immemorial the Georgians have been famous as grapplers and one of the most resented suppressions under the Czar was the ban on the ancient sport. For some years, even after the October Revolution, the Georgians made slow progress in this as well as all other sports. But by 1940 the Georgian republic proudly announced that it contained one hundred and sixty-five thousand sportsmen, with thirty-eight thousand of them concentrated on the collective farms in the area. As a result of the widespread demand for instructors in all sports a physical culture school was instituted at Tbilisi, the Georgian SSR capital, a sports school at Batumi, and physical culture departments added to three other institutions of higher learning. As a result of this intensive sporting development it has become quite customary for Georgian wrestlers, weight lifters and boxers to walk off with the honors and prizes at the various intra-national competitions. Last year the Tbilisi Dynamo eleven won second place in the nationwide football tournament. Like the Dodgers, they are waiting for this season to grab their gonfalon.

Meanwhile as the winter season becomes a memory the sportsmen throughout the entire peaceful Soviet land turn to the spring pursuits, swimming, horse racing, soccer, and, do not be too surprised, baseball, to keep their abdomens hard and to utilize the leisure the Socialist regime has brought them.

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